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Reverend [redacted]
Editor
The Western Catholic
514 East Lawrence Avenue
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Dear Reverend [redacted]

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NOTE: See Heim to McDermott memo re: "Reverend Andrew M. Greeley Article Entitled "It Has Been A Rotten Spring," "The Western Catholic," June 23, 1974," dated 7/15/74.

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Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 7/15/74

FROM : Mr. Heim

SUBJECT: REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY
ARTICLE ENTITLED "IT HAS BEEN
A ROTTEN SPRING," "THE WESTERN
CATHOLIC," JUNE 23, 1974

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BACKGROUND:

SAC Ziel, Springfield Office, furnished a copy of captioned article, which is extremely critical of the FBI and California police in the handling of the Patricia Hearst case, particularly the May 17th shoot-out in Los Angeles in which six members of the SLA were killed.

Reverend Greeley makes such statements as, "The mad shoot-out in Los Angeles had just one purpose--to kill Patty, the hardened revolutionary. The cops must have been terribly disappointed that they didn't get her."

He said also the FBI and California police, embarrassed because we were unable to locate Patricia Hearst, sought to "regain face" by persuading the world "that a nineteen-year-old kidnap victim is a dangerous criminal."

The author further states: "Pouring thousands of rounds of ammunition and tear gas canisters into a wooden house in which a handful of young people (who clearly didn't know what to do with automatic weapons) were trapped could only have had one purpose: to kill them and Patty, too."

He continues, "The Los Angeles cops may have been trigger-happy, as all too many cops are; but the FBI are cool professionals. If they shot to kill it was because the SLA had humiliated them and they wanted vengeance."

Enclosure - Sent 7-17-74

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Mr. Heim to Mr. McDermott Memorandum

RE: "REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY, ARTICLE ENTITLED "IT HAS BEEN A
ROTTEN SPRING," "THE WESTERN CATHOLIC," JUNE 23, 1974

SAC Ziel urged that we send Reverend Greeley "a very strong letter of refutation."

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

SUMMARY

Reverend Greeley is believed to be identical with the Reverend Andrew M. Greeley, who in 1972 was Director of the Center for the Study of American Pluralism, University of Chicago. Reverend Greeley has written extensively and his writings indicate he was involved in the New Left movement of the 1960s.

The April, 1972, issue of the magazine "Challenge" contained an article by Reverend Greeley entitled "The End of the Movement." This was an objective, well-balanced and lucid treatment of the New Left movement and its demise. In the article, he was critical of the immorality and violence involved in the movement. He described such activists as Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin as "vile characters." And he was critical of journalists and liberals who interpreted the movement as the wave of the future and who attached to the movement a social significance it did not deserve.

In an article appearing in "The Sunday Bulletin," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 1/9/72, Reverend Greeley described the Berrigan brothers as "self-righteous fanatics."

Reverend Greeley was listed as a credit reference by [redacted] a graduate student and secretary-treasurer of the W.E.B. DuBois Club at the University of Illinois in 1966.

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Reverend Greeley has authored some books, including The Most Distressful Nation: the American Irish. (Quadrangle Books, 1972)

Our files contain no information regarding "The Western Catholic" or its Editor, Reverend [redacted] SAC Ziel said on 7/3/74 that this weekly newspaper publishes both sides of controversial issues, and that the rector of his church is a member of its editorial board. "The Western Catholic" has a circulation of about 43,000 and is an official weekly publication of the Springfield Diocese.

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Heim to McDermott Memorandum

RE: REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY, ARTICLE ENTITLED "IT HAS BEEN A
ROTTEN SPRING," "THE WESTERN CATHOLIC," JUNE 23, 1974

OBSERVATIONS:

The Research Section agrees with SAC Ziel that the charge, "If they (the FBI) shot to kill it was because the SLA had humiliated them and they wanted vengeance," should not go unanswered.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter, which incorporates portions of Director Kelley's letter to [redacted] Mesa, Arizona, 7/2/74, and portions of his "Statement on Terrorism," 5/31/74, be sent to Reverend [redacted] Editor, "The Western Catholic."

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Well done -
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Attention: Assistant Director John McDermott
External Affairs Division

From: Joseph E. Ziel, Springfield

Re: Our phone conversation, 6-28-74

Attached is masthead and clipping of derogatory article concerning FBI. Strongly urge very strong letter of refutation.

Springfield Catholic

The Most Rev. William A. O'Connor
Bishop of Springfield-in-Illinois

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It Has Been A Rotten Spring

THIS IS hypocrisy season. If you don't believe it look at the cases of Patty Hearst and John McLaughlin.

The FBI and the California police were not able to find Patty Hearst for four months. The only way they could think of to regain face was to try to persuade the world that a nineteen-year-old kidnap victim is a dangerous criminal.

THE MAD shoot-out in Los Angeles had just one purpose—to kill Patty the hardened revolutionary. The cops must have been terribly disappointed that they didn't get her.

And the various prosecuting attorneys who are bringing charges, seeking indictments, offering to send her to jail for only 10 years—they have done their best to send a confused and now probably almost insane young woman to the death that the SLA in its own weird way foresaw.

Pouring thousands of rounds of ammunition and

tear gas canisters into a wooden house in which a handful of young people (who clearly didn't know what to do with automatic weapons) were trapped could only have had one purpose: to kill them and Patty too.

THE LOS ANGELES cops may have been trigger-happy, as all too many cops are; but the FBI are cool professionals. If they shot to kill it was because the SLA had humiliated them and they wanted vengeance.

Don't surround the house and starve them out, as the New York police did a few weeks ago with some local kooks. Shoot them down—after all, they're "revolutionaries." It was a disgusting and disgraceful episode in American history, and it will give other kooks a whole new set of folk heroes.

IS THERE a jury in the country so confident of the behavior of its own children under the strain of four months of imprisonment while the great FBI dithered about what it could charge them with?

The SLA were quite mad. Still, the gun-happy police almost make the SLA look correct in their analysis of American society.

John McLaughlin isn't going to get shot at. He is just being summoned to spend a week of prayer with his provincial. I thought that kind of baloney went out with the Spanish Inquisition. Richard Cleary (McLaughlin's provincial) is guilty of the kind of phoney hypocrisy that would make a person of even moderate good taste want to vomit.

I HOLD NO brief for either McLaughlin or his boss (he belongs in jail instead of Patty Hearst); nor do I approve of priests in politics—be they Berrigans or Drinans or McLaughlins.

President, I fail to see how you can summon McLaughlin for a week of prayer because he sits in the White House and defends him.

Drinan is being loyal to his liberal constituency, doing what the voters who elected him want him to do. McLaughlin is being loyal to his boss, doing what the man who gave him his job wants him to do.

ON THIS issue I think Drinan is right and McLaughlin wrong, but I don't doubt the sincerity of either. They are both politicians playing the political game according to its rules. To interfere with one because his cause is currently unpopular and leave the other alone is Jesuitical in the extreme—to use that word in its pejorative sense.

Father Cleary says he's worried about Father McLaughlin's elaborate living quarters (in Watergate, ironically enough). Strange that he did

not worry about it until McLaughlin began to appear on TV to defend his boss (for using language which I daresay is not altogether absent from Jesuit recreation rooms).

STRANGE, too, that no one called Dan Berrigan to make a week's retreat when he launched his vicious attack on Israel.

And how many Jesuits are living in apartments around the country which, if they are not as elaborate as Watergate, are scarcely monastic? Who is Father Cleary trying to kid?

FREEDOM is indivisible. If McLaughlin isn't free to defend the President, then is any priest free to take any stand on a public issue? And if the FBI can try to gun down Patty Hearst for the crime of being a kidnap victim, is anyone's teenage daughter safe?

It has been a rotten spring.



Fr. Grebley

June 23, 1974

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August 15, 1974

Director, FBI

REVEREND ANDREW H. GREELEY
ARTICLE ENTITLED "IT HAS BEEN
A ROTTEN SPRING." "THE
WESTERN CATHOLIC"
JUNE 23, 1974
DATED 8/30/74

Enclosed are one copy of captioned article and
ten copies of my letter to the editor of "The Western
Catholic," responding to Reverend Greeley's article.

We are advised that Reverend Greeley's articles
are syndicated through Universal Press Syndicate, 2210
West 75th Street, Prairie Village, Kansas 66202.

Please have a representative of your office
contact a responsible executive of Universal Press Syndicate
and call his attention to my letter to the editor of "The
Western Catholic." You may diplomatically indicate our
concern over the grave charges Reverend Greeley made against
the FBI in his article, and point out that my letter and
your contact are in the interests of accuracy and setting
the record straight. Suggest that Universal Press Syndicate
may wish to provide copies of my response to any other
publications that published Reverend Greeley's article
and, if possible, you should determine the identity of
these publications. This should be handled in a cordial
manner so that this firm does not get the impression we
have any intention of trying to intimidate Universal Press
Syndicate or Reverend Greeley.

Advise Bureau, attention External Affairs Division,
of the results of your contact by 3/30/74.

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Attention SAC: re Director's letter to Reverend
Editor, The Western Catholic, 7/16/74.

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NOTE: Per Mr. Heim's memorandum to Mr. McDermott 7/15/74, Director Kelley approved a letter over his signature to the editor of "The Western Catholic," responding to Rev. Andrew M. Greeley's article 6/23/74 entitled "It Has Been A Rotten Spring," which attacks the FBI's motives in the Patricia Hearst case. "The Western Catholic" published Director Kelley's letter in full 8/4/74. Purpose of instant letter to Kansas City Office is to determine how widely Rev. Greeley's article was published and to further publicize the Director's response.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Letter to the Editor**F.B.I. Rebuttal to Father Greeley****DEAR EDITOR:**

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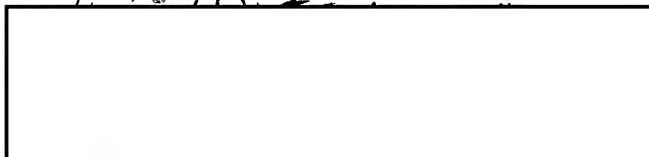
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Sincerely yours,
Clarence M. Kelley
Director of the FBI

September 13, 1974

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Dear



I was most gratified by your gracious letter of September 6 concerning my comments in the "St. Paul Catholic Bulletin."

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Meaningful progress against crime can be made by law enforcement agencies only with the support and confidence of the people they serve. Your expression of support and confidence is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

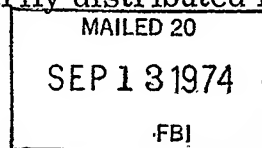
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Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. She refers to Mr. Kelley's letter to the editor, "The Western Catholic," Springfield, Illinois, responding to a column by Reverend Andrew M. Greeley 6-23-74, which was inordinately critical of our handling of the SLA shoot out in Los Angeles, California, on 5-17-74. Copies of Mr. Kelley's letter were furnished to the syndicated press service that distributed Reverend Greeley's column to Catholic publications, and this firm voluntarily distributed Mr. Kelley's letter.

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Sept 6, 1974

Clarence M. Kelley
Director of FBI
Washington, D.C.

Re: Andrew M. Greeley

Dear Sir: I wish to express my
thanks and gratitude for the
intelligent letter you wrote to
the St Paul Minn. Catholic
Bulletin

I feel you are 100% correct.

I know you can expect
any opinion from the general
crowd of people but I never

knew until I got old how many
people with education in
the upper brackets of society,
can't reason.

You can almost say the
criminals are running the
country. If the police act they

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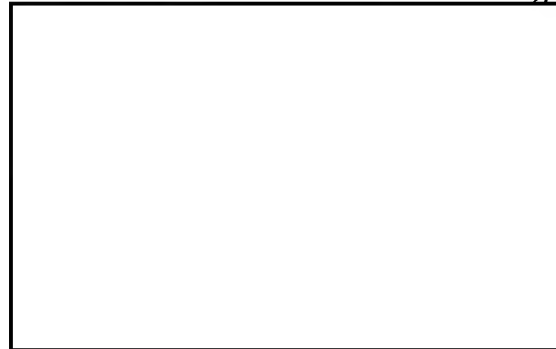
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I know Mr. Kelley won't have time to read my letter, but I wish the secretary would express my thanks.

I am planning to send Mr. Kelley's letter to my sister who is employed in San Jose, Calif. This situation of violence is so discouraging.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

DATE: 8/30/74

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (94-1026) (RUC)

SUBJECT: REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY
ARTICLE ENTITLED "IT HAS BEEN
A ROTTEN SPRING."
"THE WESTERN CATHOLIC"
JUNE 23, 1974
(BUDED 8/30/74)

Re Kansas City letter to Bureau 8/29/74.

Attached herewith for the information of the Bureau is copy of letter directed to Supervisor GEORGE LUECKENHOFF of this office from Mr. JAMES F. ANDREWS of Universal Press Syndicate. Also attached is copy of Mr. ANDREWS' letter to client newspapers which may have carried Father ANDREW GREELEY's article referred to in referenced communication.

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August 29, 1974

Mr. George Lueckenhoff
Department of the FBI
811 Grand
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Lueckenhoff:

In response to our meeting on Wednesday, enclosed is a letter
we are sending out to Father Andrew Greeley's client newspapers
in the Catholic press.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



James F. Andrews
Editor

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August 29, 1974

Dear Editor:

Agents from the Kansas City Bureau of the FBI have officially made available to UPS the attached response to Rev. Andrew Greeley's column (for release June 10, 1974) by the Director of the FBI, Clarence M. Kelley.

We are forwarding this statement to all of Father Greeley's subscribing papers.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Andrews

James F. Andrews
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TO DIRECTOR ATTN: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
FROM KANSAS CITY 94-1026 RUC 4P

REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY, ARTICLE ENTITLED "IT HAS BEEN A
ROTTEN SPRING," "THE WESTERN CATHOLIC" JUNE 23, 1974.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO KANSAS CITY, SEPT. 20, 1974,
AND KANSAS CITY LETTER TO BUREAU, AUGUST 29, 1974.

CAPTIONED MATTER WAS HANDLED BY SUPERVISOR GEORGE F.
LUECKENHOFF AND SA [REDACTED] ON AUG. 28, 1974.

APPOINTMENT WAS MADE BY SA LUECKENHOFF WITH MR. JAMES F.

ANDREWS, UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE, DURING AM THAT DATE AT
WHICH TIME MR. ANDREWS ASKED THE NATURE OF THE APPOINTMENT
AND WHETHER IT WAS OFFICIAL. HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE
APPOINTMENT WOULD BE RELATIVE TO A NEWS ARTICLE OF REVEREND
GREELEY AND THAT IT WOULD BE AN OFFICIAL MATTER. APPOINT-
MENT WAS FOR 2:20PM, HOWEVER, AGENTS HAD SHORT DELAY BEFORE
ENTERING MR. ANDREWS' OFFICE AND ENTIRE CONVERSATION WITH
ANDREWS, WHICH WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL, LASTED NO MORE THAN
25-30 MINUTES, WITH ONLY APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES DEVOTED
TO REVEREND GREELEY.

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IT WAS EXPLAINED TO MR. ANDREWS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING THE CONVERSATION THAT THE AGENTS' VISIT WAS IN NO WAY TO BE CRITICAL OF EITHER REVEREND GREELEY OR THE UNIVERSAL PRESS BUT WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING DIRECTOR KELLEY'S COMMENTS RELATIVE TO REVEREND GREELEY'S ARTICLE AVAILABLE FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE MR. ANDREWS DESIRED IN THE INTEREST OF ACCURACY AND OF SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT. AT NO TIME DID AGENTS ASK QUESTIONS OF MR. ANDREWS PERTAINING TO REVEREND GREELEY, HOWEVER, ANDREWS VOLUNTEERED BACKGROUND CONCERNING GREELEY. HE POINTED OUT THE TYPE OF CIRCULATION THE UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE HANDLED FOR GREELEY AND THE FACT THAT GREELEY ALSO PUBLISHED ARTICLES FOR DAILY NEWSPAPERS AS WELL AS AUTHORIZING BOOKS. ANDREWS DURING COMMENTS MENTIONED THAT REVEREND GREELEY'S ARTICLE WOULD HAVE BEEN DISSEMINATED TO 40 PUBLICATIONS, HE COULD NOT BE SURE WHETHER ALL HAD UTILIZED THE ARTICLE IN QUESTION. HE MENTIONED THAT HE DID NOT LIKE TO GIVE THE IDENTITY OF THESE PUBLICATIONS TO ANY INDIVIDUALS

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DUE TO INFORMATION FALLING IN THE HANDS OF COMPETITORS AND THE MATTER WAS NOT PURSUED. NO TIME WAS A REQUEST MADE FOR LIST. DETAILS CONTAINED IN REFERENCED AUG. 29, 1974 COMMUNICATION ARE FACTUAL.

REMAINDER OF PERIOD WAS GENERAL CONVERSATION RELATING TO THE NATURE OF UNIVERSAL PRESS, WHICH WAS VOLUNTEERED BY MR. ANDREWS WHEREIN HE MENTIONED VARIOUS PUBLICATIONS AND WRITERS CONNECTED WITH THIS FIRM. A PORTION OF CONVERSATION RELATED TO THE FACT THAT BOTH AGENTS AND ANDREWS HAD RESIDED IN NEW YORK AT ONE PERIOD WHICH AROSE FROM ANDREWS' DISCUSSION OF THE OWNERSHIP OF SHEED AND WARD, INC., LOCATED IN LOWER MANHATTAN. IT IS TO BE EMPHASIZED THAT AGENTS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS POINTED OUT TO MR. ANDREWS THAT THEY WERE NOT IN ANY MANNER CRITICIZING REVEREND GREELEY, THE UNIVERSAL PRESS, OR INTERFERING WITH THEIR RIGHTS FOR FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION. MR. ANDREWS GAVE NO INDICATION AT ANY TIME DURING INTERVIEW THAT HE FOUND THE VISIT TO BE OFFENSIVE OR WAS HE CRITICAL OF EITHER AGENTS OR THEIR VISIT OR THE FBI. IT MIGHT BE NOTED THAT ANDREWS ORIGINALLY DURING VISIT

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BY AGENTS STATED HE THOUGHT HE WOULD CONTACT REVEREND GREELEY
PRIOR TO TAKING ANY ACTION AND WAS NOT SURE WHEN HE COULD
CONTACT HIM, HOWEVER, LETTER TO SA LUECKENHOFF RELATIVE TO
FORWARDING DIRECTOR'S ARTICLE WAS DATED AUGUST 29, 1974.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

DATE: 8/29/74

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (94-1026) (RUC)

SUBJECT: REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY
ARTICLE ENTITLED "IT HAS BEEN
A ROTTEN SPRING,"
"THE WESTERN CATHOLIC"
JUNE 23, 1974
(BUDED 8/30/74)

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ReBulet to Kansas City August 15, 1974.

Supervisor GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF and SA [redacted] personally contacted Mr. JAMES F. ANDREWS, Director, Universal Press Syndicate, 6700 Squibb Road, Johnson County, Kansas, on 8/28/74. Mr. ANDREWS explained that the Universal Press Syndicate distributes articles for various columnists including Reverend GREELEY, who resides in the Chicago area. His firm also owns Sheed & Ward, Inc., New York, New York, which is a distributor of books and publications. He advised that the article of Reverend GREELEY of June 23, 1974 may have been published in 40 different weekly publications but could not be certain that the entire 40 publications would have utilized the article.

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Copies of the letter of Director KELLEY which appeared in The Western Catholic, Springfield, Illinois, 8/4/74, were made available to Mr. ANDREWS, and it was clearly pointed out the FBI's concern over the charges of Reverend GREELEY made against the FBI and advised that this letter and the contact were in the interest of accuracy and of setting the record straight. Mr. ANDREWS stated he is of the opinion that he will forward the Director's letter to all publications which received Reverend GREELEY's article, however he felt that he first should contact Reverend GREELEY and inform him of his action. He explained that Reverend GREELEY is presently writing a book in rural Michigan and it may be several days before he can make contact with him.

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For the information of the Bureau, Mr. ANDREWS appeared amenable and clearly understood that there was no intention of intimidating either his organization or Reverend GREELEY.

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What is it
all about?

Sept. 12, 1974

Mr. Clarence Kelley, Director
FBI
Lineth St. & Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley

When I learned that the FBI made a file and maintained it on a girl because she wrote to a political party as part of an assignment, I was tempted to ask everyone in town to send an empty envelope to some "suspect" political party or other to see how long it would take for strangers to ask everyone in town questions about everyone else in town-- the ultimate scrutiny of a police state!

Now I read that two of your special agents leaned on Rev. Andrew Greeley's publisher for the better part of an afternoon because Rev. Greeley posed perfectly legal questions about the FBI.

It is a sad day when the American people find out that an agency which is supposed to protect them is so busy spying on them and harassing them that they need protection from their protectors.

I feel that my tax money is being wasted on such frivolous activities as spying on little girls and retaliating against legitimate questions.

I'm asking my Congressman and Senators to trim the FBI's budget so that you and your men will have to concentrate on more important matters.

Sincerely

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62-116167-7
Honorable Ralph H. Metcalfe
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Metcalfe:

I have received your letter of September 17th and I have reviewed the matter to which you refer.

An article by Reverend Andrew Greeley entitled "It Has Been A Rotten Spring" appeared in "The Western Catholic," Springfield, Illinois, and was called to our attention last June.

In the article, Father Greeley alleged, "The mad shoot-out in Los Angeles had just one purpose - to kill Patty (Hearst), the hardened revolutionary." Father Greeley also alleged, "The Los Angeles cops may have been trigger-happy, as all too many cops are; but the FBI are cool professionals. If they shot to kill it was because the SLA had humiliated them and they wanted vengeance."

We felt this column so gravely distorted our motives and objectives in the Hearst case that I should respond in the interest of setting the record straight. Accordingly, I wrote to the editor of "The Western Catholic" and my reply was published in that newspaper on August 4, 1974.

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As Father Greeley's column was syndicated by the Universal Press Syndicate, Kansas City, Missouri, we furnished my reply as it appeared in "The Western Catholic," to Mr. James F. Andrews, Director of Universal Press Syndicate, on August 28, 1974. The two Agents who delivered copies of

- 1 - SAC, Kansas City - Enclosure (2)
- 1 - Mr. McDermott (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Jenkins (detached)
- 1 - Mrs. Metcalf (detached)
- 1 - Mr. Bowers (detached)

NOTE: See Heim to McDermott memorandum dated 9/24/74, captioned: "REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY'S ARTICLE, INQUIRIES BY SENATOR SAM J. ERVIN, JR. AND CONGRESSMAN RALPH H. METCALFE."

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Honorable Ralph H. Metcalfe

Incidentally, several publications served by Universal Press Syndicate were considerate enough to publish my reply and I have received highly complimentary letters from the public and members of the clergy firmly supporting our view. A copy of Father Greeley's column and a copy of my response are enclosed.

Thank you for your interest. I hope the facts I have given you have clarified this matter and have satisfactorily answered your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (2)

Honorable Ralph H. Metcalfe

my letter remained in Mr. Andrews' office less than 30 minutes. Most of this time was spent in cordial conversation regarding publications handled by Mr. Andrews' firm and the fact that the two Agents and Mr. Andrews were all former residents of New York. Mr. Andrews was not "interviewed," nor was he quizzed about Father Greeley.

The Agents specifically advised Mr. Andrews their contact was solely to make available my letter for whatever use he deemed appropriate. They advised Mr. Andrews clearly and on more than one occasion that there was no intent on our part to intimidate or influence his organization or Father Greeley. According to the Agents, Mr. Andrews was amenable and indicated he clearly understood our intention.

In fact he subsequently wrote to one of the Agents to advise him he had decided to distribute our reply to Father Greeley's client newspapers. Mr. Andrews closed his letter, "Best personal regards. Sincerely yours, James F. Andrews," which does not sound like the expression of an editor whose First Amendment right has been violated or compromised.

The fact that Agents personally called on Mr. Andrews to deliver my reply was in keeping with my open-stance press policy, which includes efforts to develop personal rapport with editors and reporters where possible, and to be available to respond to appropriate questions in matters of mutual interest. We have often been accused of excessive aloofness in the past, and we are striving to open avenues of understanding to the public.

Our effectiveness as an investigative agency depends in large measure on our credibility and the support and confidence of the people. I sincerely believe it is of utmost importance that FBI activities be fairly and accurately portrayed to the public.

No one has any healthier respect for freedom of the press than I do. I feel we responded temperately to Father Greeley's allegation that FBI Agents intended to commit premeditated murder in the Hearst case.

RALPH H. METCALFE
First District, Illinois

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September 17, 1974

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

I have received a letter from Father Andrew M. Greeley, National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago. Father Greeley writes a weekly column which is syndicated in Catholic newspapers. In addition, he writes a twice weekly column which appears in the Chicago Tribune.

Father Greeley stated that he recently wrote a column for the Catholic syndicate concerning the involvement of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the SLA shoot-out in Los Angeles. I am enclosing a copy of Father Greeley's letter with this letter.

This incident is an appalling misuse of Bureau personnel. But more important, I find it inconceivable that an agency such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be so insensitive to the Constitution, especially to the First Amendment, so as to pursue a course of action such as this.

I would appreciate your response to the following questions: First, who directed these agents to interview Mr. James Andrews, Vice President of Universal Press; secondly, were these agents acting pursuant to standard Federal Bureau of Investigation policy; and, thirdly, why were these agents sent to see Mr. Andrews?

May I hear from you soon on this very important matter.

With every best wish.

Sincerely,

RALPH H. METCALFE
Member of Congress

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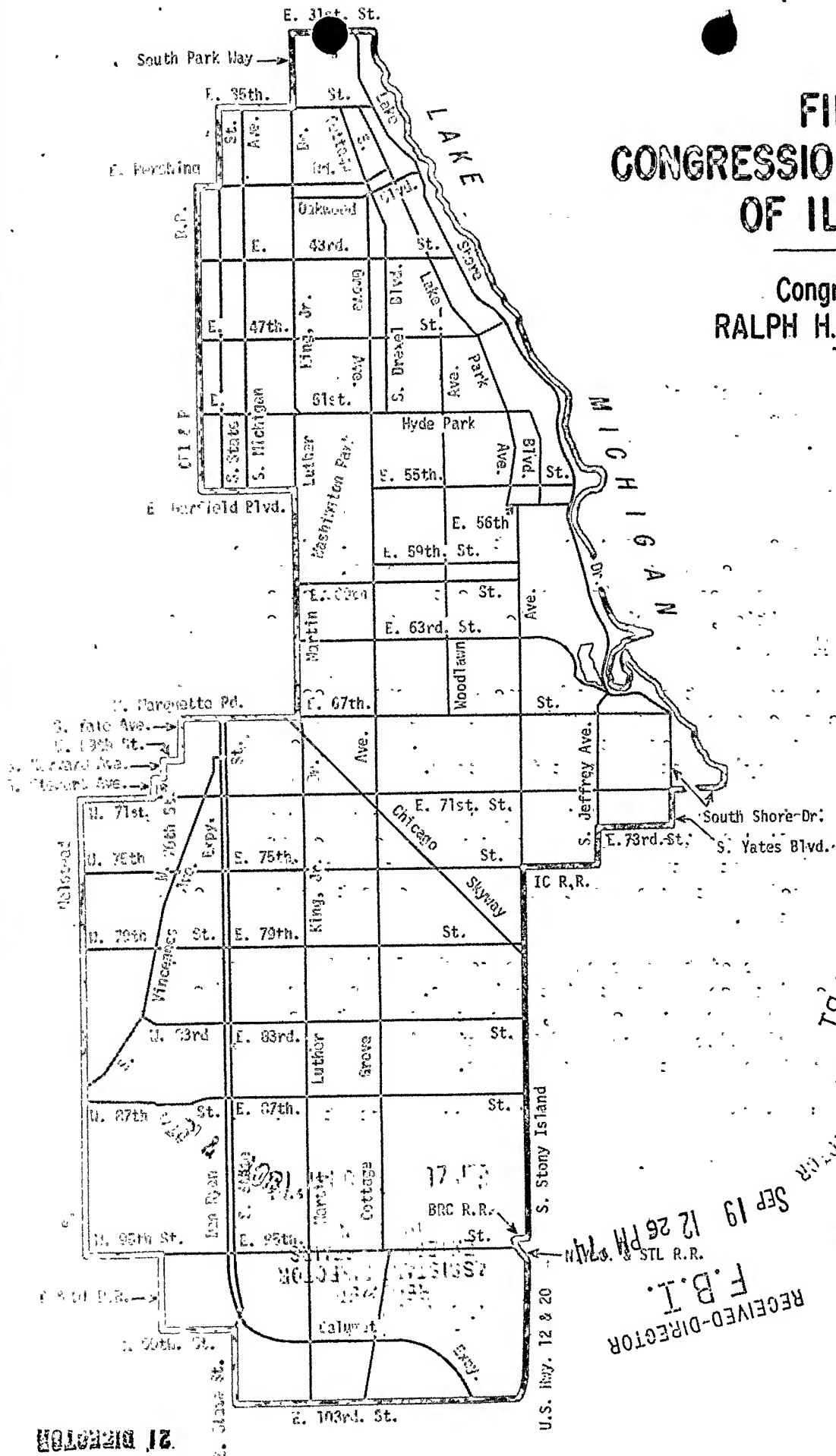
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September 9, 1974

The Honorable Ralph H. Metcalfe
The United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20013

Dear Congressman Metcalfe:

As you may know, I write a weekly column in the Catholic press and a twice-weekly column in the daily press--the latter appearing in the Chicago Tribune.

Recently I did a column for the Catholic syndicate raising some questions about the handling of the Los Angeles shoot-out by the FBI. I wondered why there had been so much shooting so soon and whether it would not have been better if the FBI had shown more restraint.

Several days ago, two FBI men called on Mr. James Andrews, the vice-president of Universal Press, with a "statement" of Mr. Clarence Kelly and a "hint" that the "statement" be distributed to all the newspapers which carried the column. The agents asked several questions about me and my background. There may be reasons for debate between me and Mr. Kelly over the handling of the SIA affair by the FBI, but that is hardly the point. Mr. Kelly could have just as well used the United States mails or even a private messenger service to deliver his "statement" to Mr. Andrews. Sending two highly trained agents on working time paid for by taxpayers' money to act as messenger boys seems, to say the least, a highly unusual procedure.

The agents, of course, made no threats, but did stress that theirs was an "official" visit. The intimidation involved in using special agents of the FBI to carry messages to the office of a press syndicate is both crude and obvious. The Watergate affair is hardly behind us and already government power is being abused again to threaten critics--even very mild ones like me.

I did not in the past take seriously the criticism of the FBI as a threat to freedom of the press. I am now beginning to wonder if the radicals were right after all.

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The Honorable Ralph H. Metcalfe

September 9, 1974

It goes without saying that I am not going to be intimidated and will write a column shortly exposing Mr. Kelly's abuse of public power.

If you wish to check with Mr. Andrews for the details of the visit from the FBI, he can be reached at 913/362-1523.

I hope you and your colleagues in the House will be able to obtain from Mr. Kelly a guarantee that he will cease these tactics of harassment.

Cordially yours,


Andrew M. Greeley

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 7/15/74

FROM : Mr. Heim

SUBJECT: REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY
ARTICLE ENTITLED "IT HAS BEEN
A ROTTEN SPRING," "THE WESTERN
CATHOLIC," JUNE 23, 1974

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BACKGROUND:

SAC Ziel, Springfield Office, furnished a copy of captioned article, which is extremely critical of the FBI and California police in the handling of the Patricia Hearst case, particularly the May 17th shoot-out in Los Angeles in which six members of the SLA were killed.

Reverend Greeley makes such statements as, "The mad shoot-out in Los Angeles had just one purpose - to kill Patty, the hardened revolutionary. The cops must have been terribly disappointed that they didn't get her."

He said also the FBI and California police, embarrassed because we were unable to locate Patricia Hearst, sought to "regain face" by persuading the world "that a nineteen-year-old kidnap victim is a dangerous criminal."

The author further states: "Pouring thousands of rounds of ammunition and tear gas canisters into a wooden house in which a handful of young people (who clearly didn't know what to do with automatic weapons) were trapped could only have had one purpose: to kill them and Patty, too."

He continues, "The Los Angeles cops may have been trigger-happy, as all too many cops are; but the FBI are cool professionals. If they shot to kill it was because the SLA had humiliated them and they wanted vengeance."

Enclosure - Sent 7-17-74

- 1 - Mr. Callahan - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Jenkins - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. McDermott - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt - Enclosure
- 1 - Mrs. Metcalf - Enclosure

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Mr. Heim to Mr. McDermott Memorandum

RE: "REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY, ARTICLE ENTITLED "IT HAS BEEN A ROTTEN SPRING," "THE WESTERN CATHOLIC," JUNE 23, 1974

SAC Ziel urged that we send Reverend Greeley "a very strong letter of refutation."

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Reverend Greeley is believed to be identical with the Reverend Andrew M. Greeley, who in 1972 was Director of the Center for the Study of American Pluralism, University of Chicago. Reverend Greeley has written extensively and his writings indicate he was involved in the New Left movement of the 1960s.

The April, 1972, issue of the magazine "Challenge" contained an article by Reverend Greeley entitled "The End of the Movement." This was an objective, well-balanced and lucid treatment of the New Left movement and its demise. In the article, he was critical of the immorality and violence involved in the movement. He described such activists as Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin as "vile characters." And he was critical of journalists and liberals who interpreted the movement as the wave of the future and who attached to the movement a social significance it did not deserve.

In an article appearing in "The Sunday Bulletin," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 1/9/72, Reverend Greeley described the Berrigan brothers as "self-righteous fanatics."

Reverend Greeley was listed as a credit reference by Thomas James Kelly, a graduate student and secretary-treasurer of the W.E.B. DuBois Club at the University of Illinois in 1966.

Reverend Greeley has authored some books, including The Most Distressful Nation: the American Irish. (Quadrangle Books, 1972)

Our files contain no information regarding "The Western Catholic" or its Editor, Reverend [REDACTED] SAC Ziel said on 7/3/74 that this weekly newspaper publishes both sides of controversial issues, and that the rector of his church is a member of its editorial board. "The Western Catholic" has a circulation of about 43,000 and is an official weekly publication of the Springfield Diocese.

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Heim to McDermott Memorandum

RE: REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY, ARTICLE ENTITLED "IT HAS BEEN A
ROTTEN SPRING," "THE WESTERN CATHOLIC," JUNE 23, 1974

OBSERVATIONS:

The Research Section agrees with SAC Ziel that the charge, "If they (the FBI) shot to kill it was because the SLA had humiliated them and they wanted vengeance," should not go unanswered.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter, which incorporates portions of Director Kelley's letter to [redacted] Mesa, Arizona, 7/2/74, and portions of his "Statement on Terrorism," 5/31/74, be sent to Reverend [redacted] Editor, "The Western Catholic."

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Well done -

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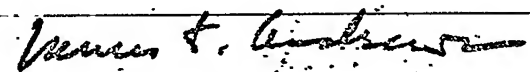
Mr. George Lueckenhoff
Department of the FBI
811 Grand
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Lueckenhoff:

In response to our meeting on Wednesday, enclosed is a letter we are sending out to Father Andrew Greeley's client newspapers in the Catholic press.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



James F. Andrews
Editor

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September 23, 1974

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of September 12th and I hope to clarify points you raise.

I want to assure you we do not as a matter of policy open files on girls "because they correspond with political parties." The matter to which you apparently refer has been in litigation, precluding me from discussing it specifically; however, the FBI does not investigate the activities of legitimate political organizations, and we continue to scrupulously observe the rights of all citizens.

You also criticized our method of responding to Reverend Andrew M. Greeley's column entitled "It Has Been A Rotten Spring."

We felt this column, which we first saw in "The Western Catholic," Springfield, Illinois, so gravely distorted our motives and objectives in the Hearst case that I should respond in the interest of setting the record straight.

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Accordingly, I wrote to the Editor of "The Western Catholic," and my letter was published in that newspaper August 4, 1974. We then made copies of my letter, as it appeared in "The Western Catholic," and provided them to the editor of the syndicated service that distributes Father J. Greeley's column, so that, if he chose to do so, the editor could provide my response to other publications which printed Father J. Greeley's column.

1 - SAC, Kansas City - Enclosure

1 - Mr. McDermott (detached)

1 - Mr. Jenkins (detached)

1 - Mrs. Metcalf (detached)

NOTE: See Heim to McDermott memorandum re: "REORGANIZING THE FBI," dated 9/19/74.

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This was done solely in the interest of setting the record straight in the Hearst case, inasmuch as Father Greeley had alleged that the FBI tried to kill Patty Hearst because we had been humiliated and "wanted vengeance."

The two Agents who delivered my response were in the editor's office for no more than 30 minutes and their conversation was quite cordial. The editor was quite amenable and indicated he clearly understood our intentions. He was in no way intimidated.

I am enclosing a copy of Father Greeley's column and a copy of my response.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 9/19/74

FROM : Mr. Heim

SUBJECT:

LETTER CRITICIZING THE FBI

BACKGROUND:

By letter to Mr. Kelley dated 9/12/74 was critical of the FBI for what he called "such frivolous activities as spying on little girls" (referring to the incident) and "retaliating against legitimate questions" (referring to our reply to a critical column by Reverend Andrew Greeley).

In paragraph two of his letter wrote, "Now I read that two of your special agents leaned on Rev. Andrew Greeley's publisher for the better part of an afternoon because Rev. Greeley posed perfectly legal questions about the FBI." The Director noted: "What is paragraph two all about?"

Reverend Greeley wrote a column entitled "It Has Been A Rotten Spring" in which he stated the FBI shot to kill Patty Hearst in the SLA shoot-out in Los Angeles, California. Reverend Greeley wrote that if FBI Agents had "shot to kill it was because the SLA had humiliated them and they wanted vengeance."

This column first was brought to our attention in June, 1974, by SAC Ziel, Springfield, after it appeared in "The Western Catholic," official publication of the Springfield diocese.

We responded with a letter to the Editor of "The Western Catholic" over Mr. Kelley's signature, setting the record straight. (See Heim to McDermott memorandum, 7/15/74, copy attached.) This letter, which the Director approved, appeared in "The Western Catholic," 8/4/74.

Subsequently, since Reverend Greeley's inordinately critical column was syndicated, the Kansas City Office was directed by letter dated 8/15/74 to contact Universal Press Syndicate, which handles Reverend Greeley's column, and to furnish to the syndicate copies of the Director's letter as it appeared in "The Western Catholic."

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- 1 - Mr. Jenkins - Enclosure
- 1 - Mrs. Metcalf - Enclosure

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RE: [REDACTED] LETTER CRITICIZING THE FBI"

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Kansas City was instructed to "diplomatically indicate our concern over the grave charges Reverend Greeley made against the FBI in his article and point out that the Director's letter and this contact were in the interest of accuracy and setting the record straight."

Kansas City Office was further advised: "This (contact) should be handled in a cordial manner so that this firm does not get the impression we have any intention of trying to intimidate Universal Press Syndicate or Reverend Greeley."

By letter dated 8/29/74, SAC, Kansas City, advised that Supervisor George F. Lueckenhoff and SA [REDACTED] on 8/28/74 personally contacted James F. Andrews, Director, Universal Press Syndicate, and had delivered copies of Mr. Kelley's letter as it had appeared in "The Western Catholic."

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The Agents further advised Mr. Andrews that Mr. Kelley's letter and their contact were in the interest of accuracy and setting the record straight. Mr. Andrews, according to the Agents, "appeared amenable and clearly understood there was no intention of intimidating either the organization or Reverend Greeley." Kansas City also furnished a copy of a letter dated 8/29/74 from Mr. Andrews to Supervisor Lueckenhoff advising him of the action he had taken and closing with "Best personal regards, Sincerely yours, James F. Andrews, Editor," (copy attached).

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS:

It should be noted that we have received several letters from persons who had read Mr. Kelley's letter in other publications served by Universal Press Syndicate and were highly complimentary and supportive.

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OBSERVATIONS:

The column by Reverend Greeley was unwarranted criticism, not supported by facts, and irresponsibly impugned our integrity, morality, and ethics in connection with the Hearst case and the SLA shoot-out. We took justified action in sending a letter refuting these intemperate allegations to the editor of the

Mr. Heim to Mr. McDermott Memorandum

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paper in which we first observed Reverend Greeley's column. After that editor published our letter, we so advised the syndication publisher of Reverend Greeley's column so that he would have the opportunity to set the record straight for any other papers that carried the column. Specific efforts were made to assure that our action was understood to be in the interest of accuracy only.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to

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Dear Father [redacted]

Thank you for your very kind letter of September 20th concerning my answer to the article by Reverend Andrew M. Greeley regarding this Bureau's investigation of the kidnaping of Miss Patricia Hearst.

Your support on this matter is most welcome and I am pleased and encouraged by your generous comments. Meaningful progress against crime can be made by law enforcement agencies only with the approval and confidence of the people they serve and my colleagues share my appreciation for your kind remarks.

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Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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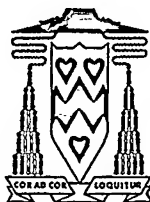
NOTE: Bufiles disclose that Father [redacted] has cooperated with the Bureau in the past by furnishing information which has come to his attention regarding racial matters in the Danville, Illinois, area. His letter refers to Mr. Kelley's communication to the editor of "The Western Catholic," Springfield, Illinois, in answer to an article by Father Greeley which was extremely critical of the FBI's handling of the SLA shootout in Los Angeles. Copies of Mr. Kelley's letter were furnished the syndicated press service which distributed Father Greeley's article to Catholic publications.

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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHAPEL...CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

Reverend Edward J. Duncan, S.T.D., Chaplain and Director

604 EAST ARMORY AVENUE, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS 61820 • 344-1184

September 20, 1974

Clarence M. Kelley
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Kelley:

Andrew Greeley

I have read your reply to Father Andrew Greeley's column criticizing the F.B.I. and wish to commend you for the wisdom and balance of your response. I, too, went back and reread Fr. Greeley's June 16 column. I can only believe it is the result of "overwork" on his part. I can think of no other explanation for such irresponsibility!

Again, congratulations on your clear and temperate response.

Very truly yours,

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Rev. [Redacted]
Lecturer in Christian Morals
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The Newman Foundation at
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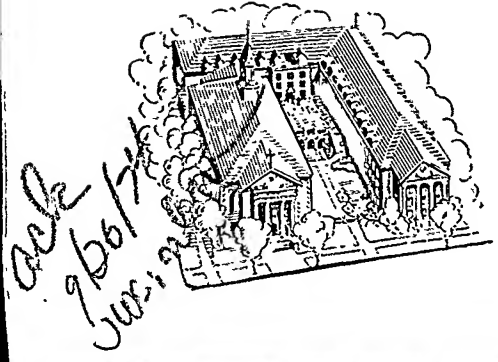
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Priest-Columnist Protests FBI Visit

By Orr Kelly

Star-News Staff Writer

The Rev. Andrew Greeley, a Catholic priest who writes a syndicated newspaper column, has complained that he had been "intimidated" by the visit of two FBI agents to the office of the agency that syndicates his column.

An FBI spokesman acknowledged that two agents from the bureau's Kansas City office visited the Universal Press Syndicate headquarters in Mission Kan., a suburb of Kansas City, on Aug. 28. But he insisted that the purpose of the visit was simply to deliver a response from FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley to an earlier Greeley column and that there had been no intention to intimidate the columnist or the syndicate.

James F. Andrews, editor of the syndicate, said in a telephone interview that the two agents paid what they described as an "official" visit on him.

"They were very cordial, very civil. There were no threats," Andrews said. "But we've been in business four years and this is the first time I ever had an 'official' visit from the FBI."

HE NOTED that the syndicate, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Sheed & Ward Publishing Co., also syndicates such controversial columns as those by Garry Wills and William Rusher, as well as the Doonesbury comic strip and that it has recently begun carrying the column by Gerald F. terHorst, former press secretary to President Ford. The syndicate operates out of Mission, Kan., Andrews said, "because I like the prairie."

Greeley, a sociologist as well as a priest in Chicago, first called attention to the FBI visit in a column printed

ed Thursday in the Chicago Tribune and other papers.

"I like the FBI," he wrote. "But I'll be damned if Clarence Kelley or anyone else is going to intimidate me from saying what I think. Having fought cardinals and university professors for that right, I am not going to give it up to a new model of J. Edgar Hoover."

Greeley, in a telephone interview Friday, repeated that, even though the agents had made no threats in their visit to Andrews, he still felt intimidated by the visit.

"They didn't make any threat," he said, "but when two FBI agents arrive on an 'official' visit and flash their credentials, that is intimidating."

A FBI spokesman said the issue originated with a column appearing June 23 in the Western Catholic of Springfield, Ill., in which Greeley said the Los Angeles shootout between law enforcement officers and the Symbionese Liberation Army "had just one purpose — to kill Patty (Hearst), the hardened revolutionary."

Kelley, who, according to the spokesman, "felt very strongly about the impact of criticism of the FBI in the SLA shootout," wrote a letter to the Western Catholic editor on July 17 and it was printed by the paper on Aug. 4. There was no attempt to reach Greeley, himself, the spokesman said.

Nearly a month later — on Aug. 28 — the two agents visited Andrews and gave him a copy of the letter as it had appeared in the Western Catholic. Andrews, he immediately sent the letter out to subscribers to the Greeley column for weekly Catholic newspapers — about 40 of them.

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Rev. Andrew Greeley

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article in the Washington Star

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Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Stevenson:

I received your letter of September 26th, and I have reviewed the matter to which you refer. The objectiveness and sincerity of your inquiry are appreciated, and I want to thank you for the opportunity to furnish you the facts.

Your letter indicates Father Greeley advised you that because he wrote an article critical of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, two of our Agents visited Mr. James Andrews, Vice President, Universal Press, which handles Father Greeley's column, quizzed Mr. Andrews concerning Father Greeley's background and delivered a statement by me which the Agents indicated should be distributed to all of the newspapers carrying Father Greeley's column.

If you were so advised, then both the facts of the incident and the sequence of events need clarification.

Last June our attention was called to an article by Reverend Andrew Greeley entitled "It Has Been A Rotten Spring," which appeared in the June 23, 1974, issue of "The Western Catholic," Springfield, Illinois.

In the article, Father Greeley alleged, "The mad shoot-out in Los Angeles had just one purpose - to kill Patty (Hearst), the hardened revolutionary." Father Greeley also alleged, "The Los Angeles cops may have been trigger-happy, as all too many cops are; but the FBI are cool professionals. If they shot to kill it was because

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NOTE: Our relations with Senator Stevenson has been generally favorable. See memorandum of Mr. Heim to Mr. McDermott dated 9/24/74, captioned "Reverend Andrew M. Greeley's Article, Inquiries by Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. and Congressman Ralph H. Metcalfe," which contains complete background regarding this matter.

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Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson

the SLA had humiliated them and they wanted vengeance." Father Greeley further wrote, "And if the FBI can try to gun down Patty Hearst for the crime of being a kidnap victim, is anyone's teenage daughter safe?"

We felt this column so gravely distorted our motives and objectives in the Hearst case that I should respond in the interest of setting the record straight. Accordingly, I wrote to the editor of "The Western Catholic," the newspaper in which we first noted Father Greeley's column, and my reply was published in that newspaper on August 4, 1974.

Inasmuch as Father Greeley's column was syndicated by the Universal Press Syndicate, Mission, Kansas, we furnished a copy of my reply, as it appeared in "The Western Catholic," to Mr. James F. Andrews, Director of Universal Press Syndicate, on August 28, 1974. The two Agents who delivered a copy of my letter spent most of this brief visit in cordial conversation regarding publications handled by Mr. Andrews' firm and the fact that the two Agents and Mr. Andrews were all former residents of New York. I want to assure you that Mr. Andrews was neither interviewed nor quizzed about Father Greeley.

The Agents specifically advised Mr. Andrews their contact was solely to make available my letter for whatever use he deemed appropriate. They advised Mr. Andrews clearly and on more than one occasion that there was no intent on our part to intimidate or influence his organization or Father Greeley. According to the Agents, Mr. Andrews was amenable and indicated he clearly understood our intention.

In fact he subsequently wrote to one of the Agents to advise him he had decided to distribute our reply to Father Greeley's client newspapers. Mr. Andrews closed his letter, "Best personal regards. Sincerely yours, James F. Andrews," which does not sound like the expression of an intimidated editor.

The fact that Agents personally called on Mr. Andrews to deliver my reply was in keeping with my open-stance press policy, which includes efforts to develop personal rapport with editors and reporters where possible, and to be available

Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson

to respond to appropriate questions in matters of mutual interest. We have often been accused of excessive aloofness in the past, and we are striving to open avenues of understanding to the public.

Our effectiveness as an investigative agency depends in large measure on our credibility and the support and confidence of the people. I sincerely believe it is of utmost importance that FBI activities be fairly and accurately portrayed to the public. I am gratified that you agree it is appropriate to respond to criticism with statements setting forth my own views.

No one has any healthier respect for freedom of the press than I do. I feel we responded temperately to Father Greeley's allegation that FBI Agents intended to commit premeditated murder in the Hearst case.

Incidentally, several publications served by Universal Press Syndicate were considerate enough to publish my reply and I have received highly complimentary letters from the public and members of the clergy firmly supporting our view. A copy of Father Greeley's column and a copy of my response are enclosed.

Thank you for your interest. I hope the facts I have given you have clarified this matter and have satisfactorily answered your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Mr. Andrew Greeley of Chicago has written me to describe an incident involving two FBI agents which I find quite distressing. I hope you can provide me with some clarification.

Mr. Greeley writes a newspaper column syndicated in the Catholic press, and he apparently did an item recently which was critical of the Bureau's handling of the shootout with the members of the SLA in Los Angeles. Some time after, two FBI agents visited Mr. James Andrew, vice president of Universal Press which handles the column. The agents quizzed Mr. Andrews concerning Mr. Greeley's background, and delivered to him a statement by you concerning the SLA incident. The agents made no threats, but according to Mr. Greeley indicated clearly that this was an "official" visit and that your statement should be distributed to all of the newspapers which carried Mr. Greeley's column.

I have not read Mr. Greeley's column and have no idea as to whether I would agree with it. I certainly think it is appropriate for you to respond to criticism of the Bureau by issuing statements setting forth your own views.

What distresses me is the way in which the Bureau handled this matter, if Mr. Greeley's account is accurate. Most American citizens consider a visit by FBI agents a serious matter, as I am sure you would agree they should. If an agent visited a newspaper official regarding an item carried by that paper, the power of the Federal Government represented by those agents could not help but be viewed as coercive. If the agents then ask questions about the author and suggest that "corrective" material be published by the paper, the implication of coercion would be strengthened.

Letter to Alvin Stevenson
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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
September 26, 1974
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I hope that the facts that have been given me are not correct. If they are, I trust that you will be able to assure me that the actions of these agents were unauthorized and that they have been reprimanded for their excess.

I look forward to your providing me with a clarification of this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adlai Stevenson".

Adlai Stevenson
(D-ILLINOIS)

September 27, 1974

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Honorable Verner W. Thomson
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Thomson:

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication of September 23rd enclosing a letter from your constituent, [redacted] of River Falls, Wisconsin.

[redacted] wrote me on September 13th regarding the same matters and I am enclosing a copy of my reply for your information. I am also enclosing copies of Reverend Andrew M. Greeley's article and my response.

Sincerely yours,

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Clarence M. Kelley
Director

Enclosures (3)

Copy of letter to [redacted] 9-23-74
Father Andrew M. Greeley's article
Mr. Kelley's Reply

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose prior correspondence with Congressman Thomson (R-Wis) regarding constituent matters. Bufiles disclose no information concerning [redacted] except that he wrote to the Bureau on 9-12-74 complaining of the same matters contained in his letter to Congressman Thomson.

[redacted] letter refers to Mr. Kelley's communication to the editor of "The Western Catholic," Springfield, Illinois in answer to an article by Father Greeley which was extremely critical of the FBI's handling of the SLA shootout in Los Angeles. Copies of Mr. Kelley's letter were furnished the syndicated press service which distributed Father Greeley's letter to Catholic publications.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

September 23, 1974

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Mr. Kelley:

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence from a constituent.

I would appreciate an explanation of the two incidents.

Thank you for your attention.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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VERNON W. THOMSON, M.C.
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Sept. 12, 1974

Rep. Vernon L. Thorsen
1305 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Thorsen:

When I learned that the FBI made a file and maintained it on a girl because she wrote to a political party as part of an assignment, I was tempted to ask everyone in town to send an empty envelope to some "suspect" political party or other to see how long it would take for strangers to ask everyone in town questions about everyone else in town--the ultimate scrutiny of a police state!

Now I read that two of Mr. Kelley's special agents leaned on Rev. Andrew Greeley's publisher for the better part of an afternoon because Rev. Greeley posed perfectly legal questions about the FBI.

It is a sad day when the American people find out that an agency which is supposed to protect them is so busy spying on them, and harassing them that they need protection from their protectors.

I feel that my tax money is being wasted on such frivolous activities as spying on little girls and retaliating against legitimate questions.

Please do everything possible to trim the FBI's budget so that Mr. Kelley and his men will have to concentrate on more important matters.

I wrote Mr. Kelley telling him that I am asking you to trim his budget. I will contact you should I hear that someone is going on and asking questions about me.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I very much appreciate your kind letter of September 23, concerning my remarks in the "Rochester Courier-Journal."

We in law enforcement must have the support and confidence of the people we serve if we are to make progress against crime. Your gracious expression of support and confidence is most gratifying.

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Sincerely yours,

Clarence M Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: Based on available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. She refers to Mr. Kelley's letter originally directed to the editor of "The Western Catholic," Springfield, Illinois, responding to a column 6-23-74 by Reverend Andrew M. Greeley, which was highly critical of our handling of the SLA shoot-out in Los Angeles, California. Copies of Mr. Kelley's response were furnished to the syndicate service that handles Father Greeley's column and several publications have reprinted it.

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director of the FBI
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kelley,

After reading your letter in response to Rev. Greeley's concerning the Hearst case, I want to tell you thanks. (Your letter was printed in the Courier-Journal, Rochester, New York -- Fr. Greeley's column also appears in this newspaper.)

Fr. Greeley certainly does not have my support or admiration. I do not believe he is right in many things and I completely ignore his column and opinion. He seems very confused to me. I do not like to see killing either, but if innocent people had been killed because the FBI failed to act, who would be blamed then?

I'm glad there are men who are willing to take law enforcement jobs -- I believe their families make a real sacrifice and yet receive so much criticism.

I am enclosing a leaflet which tells about some events which took place in Spain. My husband and I have been close to these events and the people involved. I truly believe that God is speaking to our world in these apparitions to the children just as He did thru the Prophets in the Old Testament. I believe that crime and disorder has reached such a state that only a tremendous spiritual awakening can stop it. I believe that the world wide warning which this leaflet mentions is not far off. Many doctors and theologians have studied these events and the children and have stated there is no natural explanation -- they too believe the events will come as foretold. (This is similar to what happened in Fatima, Portugal in 1917 which foretold the Second World War and "Russia would spread her errors throughout the whole world".)

Thanks again to the FBI and all law enforcement.

Sincerely,



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THE MYSTERY OF GARABANDAL

Our Lady Has Appeared In Spain A Message For The World



DECLARATION — The graces and the facts related in this leaflet rest entirely on the human authority. The final and decisive judgment on these facts belongs exclusively to the Supreme Magisterium of the Church, whose decision we accept from the very moment it shall be pronounced.

The purpose of this leaflet is to introduce you to Our Blessed Mother's recent Message of Love to a world much in need of it. We believe that everyone should read these lines—not only the simple men who love God and listen to His voice, but also those who are convinced that science has every answer, the self-satisfied and sure-of-themselves, and those who only believe what they see. God's call to all men is daily more pressing.

Thousands of people have witnessed these happenings. People from many countries have gone to Spain to see them and have been convinced that we are before a new and great manifestation of Our Lady, a sequel to Lourdes, Fatima and other recent apparitions.

This report is edited by the Centro de Difusion Mariano in Barcelona for the purpose of making the facts known so that each may judge for himself and draw his own conclusions. To withhold the story any longer, because of comfort, would be equivalent to cowardice. We hope that everyone keeps on reading, even those who do not understand the true meaning of Christ's words, "Unless you be converted and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

GARABANDAL — This is a small village in northern Spain, in the Santander province, near the Picos de Europa mountains, a rugged and beautiful setting. Its full name is San Sebastian of Garabandal. It is located 600 meters above sea level, some 57 miles from the capital of the province. To get there one must climb a steep road which begins in Cosio, branching off from the main road. No more than 300 people live in Garabandal. The town is impressively quiet. There is no doctor in the town and, until the end of 1965, no resident pastor at the parish church. The pastor from Cosio used to celebrate Mass there on Sunday.

In the evening of June 18, 1961, four girls were playing on the outskirts of the town — Conchita Gonzalez, Maria Dolores (Mariloli) Mazon, Jacinta Gonzalez and Maria Cruz Gonzalez — not related despite having the same name. Maria Cruz was eleven, the others twelve, and all were from poor families.

Suddenly they heard a loud noise, like thunder, and saw before them the bright figure of the Archangel Michael. On the following days the Archangel appeared to them again in the same place. He announced that on July 2 they would see Our Lady. This was the beginning of the Garabandal events.

OUR LADY OF CARMEL — The news spread quickly through the region. July 2 was a Sunday and the town was crowded. There were people from all social levels and very many from out of town, among them several physicians and priests. At six in the evening the girls went to the place where the Angel had appeared, and to the surprise of the crowd they entered into ecstasy. Our Lady appeared to them accompanied by two angels, one being St. Michael. The girls described the vision as follows:

"She is dressed in a white robe with a blue mantle and a crown of golden stars. Her hands are slender. There is a brown scapular on her right arm, except when she carries the Child Jesus in her arms. Her hair, deep nut-brown, is parted in the center. Her face is long, with a fine nose. Her mouth is very pretty with lips a bit thin. She looks like a girl of eighteen. She is rather tall. There is no voice like hers. No woman is just like her, either in the voice or the face or anything else." Our Lady manifested herself as Our Lady of Carmel.

At times the wind rustled her long hair which reached down to her waist. The girls spoke with the Virgin with the utmost naturalness. "We were telling her," they said, "about our tasks, how we were going to the meadows..." and "She smiled at the little things we told her." Our Lady showed them how to treat her: "Like children who speak with their mother and tell her everything..."

Children who rejoice to see her when they have not seen her for a while."

MORE APPARITIONS — After this first apparition there were many more. During 1961 and 1962 Our Lady appeared several times each week. The four girls did not always receive the apparition together. Sometimes only one, other times two or three of them saw the vision. Nor was it always at the same hour of the day. Ordinarily, Our Lady appeared in the afternoon but sometimes at night and even early in the morning, in an attitude of sacrifice and penance, at the same hours when Our Lord is most offended by the sins of men. Even so, the girls would arise the following morning, as early as usual, to work in the fields, carrying bundles of grass or wood, or tending the cattle and sheep, without showing signs of fatigue.

THE ECSTASIES — During the apparitions the girls went into ecstasies lasting from a few minutes to several hours. Their faces revealed an extraordinary sweetness, beautified and transformed as by an interior light. Time did not seem to count; they never showed signs of being tired despite the length of time or their very uncomfortable posture, kneeling on rocks, with their heads violently thrown backwards, or on the cold days of winter with snow under their bare feet and no protection against the cold. At the end of the ecstasy they would return to their normal state, with no signs of excitation or nervousness, but only a deep and profound peace and joy. During the time of ecstasy they seemed to lose sensibility — burns, hits, pricks failed to make them come out of their state of rapture. Powerful beams of light were flashed before their eyes without causing even a flicker. Under normal circumstances these lights would have burned the retina and caused blindness. Their eyes had an open and joyful look. When the vision appeared they fell instantaneously on their knees, striking the hard rock with a loud noise which was frightening, but they showed no signs of wounds or injury. They were then unaware of any material thing around them, being completely absorbed in ecstasy.

NEW PHENOMENA — Shortly after the first apparitions, the ecstatic marches began. During them the girls would walk forward, as well as backward, without faltering, in the darkness of night, avoiding obstacles, guided solely by an interior light. Frequently they would run from one place to another at great speed. It was hardly possible to follow them. Their bodies did not seem subject to the law of gravitation but endowed with some sort of spiritual agility. During these marches, especially at night, many witnesses lost objects, such as Rosaries (because people hastily ran to keep up with the girls). After futile searching, the girls in ecstasy would inquire of Our Lady where the objects could be found. She guided them with amazing accuracy to the place where the objects were, often hidden in grass, mud, or under the snow.

PARTICIPATION BY THE WITNESS — The people who came to Garabandal used to give the girls rosaries, medals, crucifixes, wedding rings and other objects for Our Lady to kiss. In ecstasy, the girls raised them toward Our Lady for her to kiss and then returned them to their respective owners, directed by Our Lady, without ever making a mistake. On these occasions, the girls explained, although they could not see the person, they felt the touch of those who possessed the objects kissed by Our Lady who told them to whom each object was to be returned. In the first months the girls began to carry a crucifix in their hands during the ecstasies, which they gave to people in the crowd to kiss, as Our Lady directed them. On these occasions many witnesses experienced a deep interior emotion, often with tears, on seeing the girls approaching them, directed by Our Lady, and touching the crucifix to their lips, while at the same time signing and blessing them with the cross.

OUR LADY'S MESSAGE — Our Lady's message to the girls was made public on October 18, 1961. Expressed in simple language suited to the girls' mentality and culture, the message is: "We

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must do much penance and make many sacrifices. We must often visit the Blessed Sacrament. But, above all, we must be very good for, if we are not, we will be punished. The cup is already filling and if we do not amend our lives there will come a great chastisement."

This message plainly reveals the greatest needs of the world today and speaks of a chastisement which had been announced at Fatima. In interpreting it, we must remember what Sister Lucy (the girl from Fatima to whom Our Lady appeared several times in 1917 and who today is a Carmelite nun) wrote in a letter to the Bishop of Leiria concerning the Fatima message. She said, "Many persons interpret the word penance as meaning great austerities, and not feeling strong enough to do them, they lead a life of lukewarmness . . . The sacrifice Our Lord asks each one is the fulfillment of one's own duty and the observance of the Law. This is the penance which He now asks and demands from each one of us."

SPIRITUAL FAVORS AND WONDERFUL CURES — Many and varied phenomena have occurred while the girls were in ecstasy: loss of gravity; absolute insensibility to burns and hard knocks (exposition to very bright spotlights of TV and movie cameras which, in normal circumstances would have burned their retinas, did not even cause their eyelids to flicker); knowledge of languages; penetration of consciences and reading of thoughts. The conversion of unbelievers and those of different faiths, of souls suffering from religious indifference, the conversions of many sinners — all these graces are being multiplied. All who have gone on pilgrimage to Garabandal have experienced an increase in faith, hope and charity.

The varied objects such as rosaries, rings, medals, wedding rings, crucifixes and scapulars which were given to Our Lady to kiss have been the instruments of some very special favors. Occasionally, these objects have given off a mysterious fragrance like that of roses. "Our Lady says," Conchita wrote, "that Jesus will work miracles through the objects kissed by her. Those who carry or wear them, with faith and confidence will suffer their Purgatory here on earth."

In Barcelona, which is quite a distance from Garabandal, the following cures have been checked and confirmed: a boy suffering from paralysis of the spine cured by venerating a crucifix kissed by Our Lady; cure of a brain cancer which had been declared incurable after a difficult operation; the victim of a motorcycle accident, whom doctors had given up, restored to health without any special treatment after ten days in a coma; cure of two cases of leukemia, both victims having held the same crucifix; cure of tuberculosis in a few hours. These are all signs and prodigies that offer no human explanation, but which seem to anticipate the day of the great miracle on which Our Lady has promised to those who will be in Garabandal the cure of the sick and the conversion of unbelievers. By means of all these marvelous favors Our Lady wants to attract our attention to the message she has given us through the four peasant girls in order to help us fulfill that message.

THE MIRACLE OF THE HOST — Above the village is a small hill on which stands a cluster of pines. "One day," said the girls, "an angel with a golden chalice appeared to us at the Pines. He told us to recite the Confiteor and then he gave us Holy Communion." This wonderful favor happened many times during those days when the parish priest of the neighboring town of Cosio could not go to Garabandal. It was possible to film some of these Communion, using very bright light. The movements of the lips and tongues of the girls gave the exact idea of a real Communion. On May 2, 1962, the angel told Conchita that God would perform a miracle so that all people would believe: they would see the Sacred Host on her tongue at the moment of Communion and that she should make this known fifteen days in advance. On July 18, 1962, the town was crowded with visitors. At midnight Conchita, who had remained in her home continually surrounded by visitors, entered into ecstasy and went out into the street. At a short distance from her house she fell down on her knees in the midst of the crowd. Lanterns were focused on her. She put out her tongue upon which nothing was resting, as everyone could see. In a few moments a white host thicker than the ones usually received appeared on her tongue and remained there for a few minutes. A businessman from Barcelona, Don Alejandro Damians, standing less than three feet from the girl, secured some very good moving pictures. In the film there appeared 79 pictures of the extraordinary scene. This same witness wrote a report which he submitted to the Bishop of Santander, together with a copy of the film. The number of witnesses on this occasion was very large; there were people from different cultures and social classes. Don Benjamin Gomez, a farmer from Potes, wrote: "I was standing at less than an arm's length from the girl. I saw very well that her tongue was completely clean of everything. The girl did not move. Suddenly there appeared on it the Sacred Host. It was white, shining and resplendent. It reminded one of the

snow when the sun strikes it with its brilliant rays. The girl's face was beautifully transformed into heavenly ecstasy. Her face was angelic. I can certify that she was there, motionless, moving neither hands nor tongue. In this motionless position she received the Sacred Host. We had enough time to contemplate this marvelous phenomena without any undue haste, and we were many who saw it. I was an unbeliever until that day. I am not such a Catholic as to be subject to any hallucination or imagination. I had not concerned myself about God till then except to offend Him. I went to confession in April but previous to that time I had not gone to confession for twenty-three years."

This miracle of the host is a true confirmation of the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother in Garabandal and of the reality of her message. But a still greater miracle has been promised.

A GREATER MIRACLE TO COME — Conchita has clearly said that Our Lady has promised a greater miracle in Garabandal so that all may believe the apparitions and be obedient to the message. "As the punishment which we deserve for the sins of the world is great, the miracle must also be a great one, for the world needs it," Conchita has said. She has given all the details of what can be revealed. It will occur on a Thursday on the feast day of a saint devoted to the Eucharist, at 8:30 in the evening, and will last for about one quarter of an hour. It will also coincide with a great event in the Church. All those who come to Garabandal and the area, as long as they can see the village, will see the miracle. The Holy Father and Padre Pio, the stigmatized Capuchin monk, will also see it wherever they happen to be on that date. The sick who come to Garabandal on that day will be cured, unbelievers will be converted. There will remain a permanent sign in the same place as a proof of Our Lady's tremendous love for all her children.

"The sign that will remain," says Conchita, "will be able to be seen, photographed and televised, but it will not be able to be touched. It will appear clearly that it is not something of this world, but of God."

Conchita has been granted permission by Our Lady to announce the date of the miracle eight days in advance. With the present means of communication and travel, eight days are sufficient for people around the world to gather. The day of the miracle may be the last opportunity given us by God and may be also Our Lady's last effort to save the world from the punishment already threatened.

Some time ago Conchita wrote, "The Blessed Virgin will not allow me to reveal the nature of the miracle although I already know it. Neither can I reveal the date of it, which I know, until eight days before it is to happen." When will this great miracle occur? We know nothing, neither can we assume anything. However, all appearances indicate that the hour of Our Lady is coming. We must be ready for that day and have confidence in her. Before the miracle takes place Our Lady has promised Conchita that all mankind will receive a warning from heaven.

THE WARNING — We are in complete ignorance as to the nature of this warning. Even Conchita wrote: "The warning comes directly from God and will be visible to the whole world and from any place where anyone may happen to be. It will be like the revelation of our sins and will be seen and felt by everyone, believer and unbeliever alike, irrespective of whatever religion he may belong to. It will be seen and felt in all parts of the world and by every person." We know, therefore, that it will not be something due to men's free will, such as wars, revolutions, etc. It will cause great fear and will make us reflect within ourselves on the consequences of our own personal sins. It will be like a warning of the punishment to come. In this way the world will be offered a means of purification to prepare itself for the extraordinary grace of the great miracle.

THE PUNISHMENT — If we do not pay attention to the message, the punishment announced by Our Lady will be visited on the whole world after the miracle. During one of their ecstasies the girls were heard praying for the innocent children but, nevertheless, they shed tears at the same time. Since the day they learned about the punishment they have developed a great spirit of sacrifice. They pray very much for sinners and for priests. They often say that if priests are not what they should be many souls will be lost.

Conchita has written: "I cannot reveal what kind of punishment it is except that it will be a result of the direct intervention of God, which makes it more terrible and fearful than anything we can imagine. It will be less painful for innocent babies to die a natural death than for those babies to die because of the punishment. All Catholics should go to confession before the punishment and the others should repent of their sins. When I saw IT (the punishment), I felt a great fear even though at the same time I was seeing Our Blessed Mother. The punishment, if it comes, will come after the miracle."

When Our Lady spoke to the girls of the punishment, her face assumed a look of great sadness. The girls revealed: "We have never seen her look so serious. When she said the words 'The cup is already filling', she spoke in a very low voice."

A NEW MESSAGE — On January 1, 1965, Conchita had an apparition of Our Lady who told her that on June 18, the fourth anniversary of the apparitions, she would be given another message. Thus, six months before the actual date Conchita revealed this promise of Our Lady.

On June 18 more than two thousand people gathered in Garabandal — French, Germans, English, Italians, Americans and Polish people joined the groups from the different parts of Spain. The Spanish were in the minority, perhaps due to the fact that the apparitions had received practically no publicity. The French constituted the largest group. There were journalists, TV cameras from the Italian TV network, and cameramen from NO-DO (the Spanish official documentary news program). Leaving her house at 11:30 p.m. Conchita walked to the road leading to the Pines to the place called the Cuadro. There she was wrapt in an ecstasy which lasted sixteen minutes. St. Michael appeared to her and delivered the message from Our Lady, which was made public the next morning. It reads:

Message which Our Lady has given to the world through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel. The angel said, "Since my message of October 18 has not been made known to the world and has not been fulfilled, I tell you that this is my last message. Previously, the cup was being filled. Now it is overflowing. Many priests are on the road to perdition and with them they are bringing many souls. The Holy Eucharist is being given less importance (honor). We must avoid God's anger with us by our efforts at amendment. If we beg pardon with sincerity of soul, He will forgive us. I, your Mother, through the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, want to tell you to amend your lives. You are already receiving one of the last warnings. I love you very much and do not want your condemnation. Ask us sincerely and we will give to you. You should make more sacrifices. Think of the Passion of Jesus."

From this message one can clearly sense Our Lady's disappointment at the scant attention paid to her message of October 18, 1961. The Blessed Mother shows her motherly concern for priests and the need to place the Holy Eucharist where it belongs — at the center of the mysteries of our Faith. To urge us to sacrifice, she recommends meditation on the Passion of Our Lord.

Our Blessed Mother has told us this is her last message. Because of this she wants all her children to listen to her plea before the warning and the miracle. For the reason that she wishes it, we should propagate this urgent message as widely as possible.

NO-DO, the Spanish news agency, secured some eleven minutes of very good film. Spotlights and cameras worked perfectly. Those who have seen the private showing in Madrid report that the film is very touching. This priceless document is at present in the NO-DO archives until the day when it can be publicly shown.

THE LAST APPARITION — On Saturday, November 13, 1965, Conchita had her last apparition of Our Lady in Garabandal. She gives the details in a letter of which the following is a literal translation:

"One day in church Our Lady told me in a locution that I would see her on Saturday, November 13, at the Pines; it would be a special apparition to kiss the religious objects so that I could give them away afterwards. I was anxious for this day to arrive so that I could see again the Blessed Virgin and the Child Jesus who have implanted in my life the seed of God's happiness.

"It was raining but it did not matter to me. I went up to the Pines carrying with me the many rosaries which people have given me to distribute them . . . As I was going up I was talking to myself, being sorry for my defects, desiring not to fall into them again, for it gave me much worry to appear before the Mother of God without wiping them out.

"When I arrived at the Pines, I began to take the rosaries out and heard a sweet voice, that of the Virgin, which you always distinguish among all others, calling me by my name. I answered her. 'What?' At that very moment I saw her with the Child in her arms. She was dressed as usual and smiling. I told her, 'I have come to bring you the rosaries so that you kiss them.' She said to me, 'I can see it.' I had been chewing gum, but as I was seeing her I did not chew it; I placed

the gum on a tooth. She must have noticed it for she said, 'Conchita, why don't you get rid of the chewing gum and offer it up as a sacrifice for the glory of my Son?' I, a bit ashamed of myself, took it out and threw it on the ground. She said afterwards, 'Do you remember what I told you on your saint's day—that you would suffer much on earth? . . . Now I repeat it to you. Have confidence in Us and offer it all up with pleasure to our Hearts for the good of your brethren, for in this way you will be more united to Us.' Then I added, 'How unworthy I am, O Mother of us, of so many graces received through you, and now you have come to me to help me carry the little cross I have.' She said, 'Conchita, I am not coming only for you but I am coming for all my children, with a desire to get them closer to Our Hearts.' She asked for the things I was carrying. 'Give them to me so that I can kiss all you are carrying with you.' And I gave her everything. I was bringing with me also a small crucifix which I gave her to kiss. She kissed it and said, 'Put it on the hands of the Child Jesus.' And I did that and He said nothing. I said 'This cross I intend to take with me when I go to the convent,' but He did not reply. After kissing everything she commented, 'My Son, through this kiss, will work wonders. Distribute them to the others . . .' Of course I will do it.

"After all this she requested that I tell her all the petitions for others which I had received. She said, 'Conchita, tell me, tell me things about my children. I have all of them under my cloak.' And I commented, 'It is too small and there is no room for all of us.' She smiled at this.

"Do you know, Conchita, why I did not come personally on June 18 to give you the message for the world? Because it pained me to say it myself, but I have to say it to you for your own good and, if you fulfill it, for God's glory. I love you very much and I desire your salvation; to gather you all around God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Conchita, won't you respond to this?' I said, 'If I could be always seeing you, yes; but otherwise I can't tell because I am very bad . . .' 'You do all you can,' Our Lady added, 'and We will help you, as well as my daughters Loli, Jacinta and Maria Cruz. . .'

"She did not stay long with me. She also said, 'This will be the last time you see me here, but I will always be with you and with all my children.' Afterwards she added, 'Conchita, why don't you go often to visit my Son in the Most Blessed Sacrament? Why do you let yourself be carried away by laziness and not go to visit Him Who is waiting for you day and night?'

"As I have written above, it was raining hard. Our Lady and the Child did not get wet. I was not aware it was raining while seeing them, but when I stopped seeing them I was soaked. I also told her, 'O how happy I am when I see you. Why don't you take me with you right now?' She answered, 'Remember what I told you on your saint's day. When you go before God you must show Him your hands filled with good works done by you for your brothers and for the glory of God; now your hands are empty.'

"That's all. I spent a happy moment with my mother from heaven, my best friend, and with the Child Jesus. I have stopped seeing them but not feeling them close. Again they have sown in my soul great peace, joy and a desire to conquer my defects so that I will be able to love, with all my strength, the hearts of Jesus and Mary who love us so much. . ."

Conchita ends with this: "The Blessed Virgin Mary told me before that Jesus does not send the punishment in order to distress us but in order to help us and reproach us because we pay no attention to HIM. And the warning will be sent in order to purify us for the miracle in which He will show us His great love, and in order that we may fulfill the message."

With this apparition of Our Lady, the cycle of apparitions in Garabandal is closed. It will be definitely confirmed on a Thursday at 8:30 p.m. when the miracle takes place. This will mark the beginning of a new era in the history of the salvation of mankind.

WHAT DOES SCIENCE SAY ABOUT GARABANDAL? — Many eminent doctors have studied the events and have visited the persons involved at Garabandal. No one has so far found any satisfactory scientific explanation of these events. All agree that what occurred at Garabandal is something humanly unexplainable and something which merits attention and respect. One thing is clear — we find ourselves before certain facts for which science can find no explanation.

After years of observation, a child specialist has certified that the girls have always been completely normal and that the ecstasies

do not fall under any known physiological phenomena. Dr. Ricardo Puncernau, a well-known Barcelona neuropsychiatrist, states: "In the presence of these facts it is difficult for the doctor to give a merely natural explanation . . . From a strictly scientific point of view one cannot deny, at least thus far, the possibility of a super-natural cause in all these phenomena." Dr. Gasca Ruiz and Dr. Ortis Gonzalez, who have also studied these phenomena, state: "To keep silence would be true scientific cowardice on our part. We do not find any convincing scientific explanation capable of explaining such phenomena."

Our Blessed Mother, in showing us her great love as a mother, is pleading with each one of us to work with her in the tremendous responsibility of staying the Arm of Divine Justice which is about to fall on a blind and deaf humanity. We should be aware of the fact that the world situation is extremely serious and that we are disposing ourselves for an imminent chastisement. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is the only path of salvation for mankind. Our Blessed Mother has told us this herself at Fatima.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE CHURCH — As always, the Church has acted with great prudence toward the apparitions. It took thirteen years for the Church to give official approval to the Fatima apparitions even after seventy thousand people witnessed the miracle of the sun.

So far, the Bishop of Santander has declared that there is nothing to be condemned in the teachings, the messages and counsels of Garabandal. On the contrary, they are all praiseworthy and according to the tradition of the Church. There is evident good faith and religious fervor in those involved. In the chancery of the diocese the file is open to any new facts. But the Commission set up by the Bishop has said, in a press release of July 8, 1965, it does not think there is a conclusive and definite proof of the supernatural character of all that has happened in Garabandal. To avoid giving the impression that the Church has already approved everything, priests are forbidden to go there without permission. Even unbelievers and those who are always against things Catholic will have to acknowledge that Garabandal is no invention of the Church or its hierarchy.

ROME INTERVENES — As the news of Garabandal spread throughout Europe, the Holy See took a direct interest in the matter. A letter written on July 28, 1965, from the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to the Bishop of Santander, acknowledging receipt of the documents sent (twelve large folios) and praising the prudence exhibited by the Bishop, was made public on August 1965.

A literal translation of this official letter reads thus:

"Your Excellency . . . The Supreme Sacred Congregation has received your letter dated the 7th of the present month, in which your Excellency informed the Holy Office about the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which according to many, have taken place in the town of San Sebastian de Garabandal. From the documentation transmitted to us, it is sufficiently clear to us that Your Excellency has acted most prudently in this matter.

Now, we beg Your Excellency to keep a vigilant watch in the future in this question. And if anything new should occur, please communicate with the Holy Office.

Taking this opportunity, let me present my respects."

Signed: Raimundo Verardo, O.P. July 28, 1965

Shortly after this a special emissary from the Holy Office was sent to Garabandal to investigate the witnesses of the apparitions.

By special request of the Pro-Secretary of the same Congregation of the Faith, Cardinal Ottaviani, Conchita went to Rome recently, accompanied by her mother and a priest. She met with Cardinal Ottaviani and other officials of the Vatican. With Cardinal Marella she was received in a private audience by Pope Paul VI.

For obvious reasons, nothing more can be said regarding this intervention of Rome. However, it is necessary to confirm this visit of Conchita to the Holy Office in order to refute the false rumors that no private audience with His Holiness had been granted Conchita.

CONCLUSION — Conchita has written: "Our Lady wants the message to reach the whole world . . . It is of no use to believe in the apparitions if we do not fulfill the message . . . Our Lady said here what she has already said at Lourdes and Fatima. The miracle announced is coming to confirm these apparitions so that we may fulfill the message. Whether or not you believe in the apparitions themselves does not matter."

Because of this, now is the time for every person to make a serious resolution for a sincere amendment of life without further waiting for the warning or miracle or any other special signs which may occur.

If what you have read here has moved you or even simply made you think and reflect, please pass this word along. In this way you will have begun to fulfill the message of Our Lady.

The townspeople remain perplexed about what has already happened and what is yet to come. Priests, doctors, theologians of great renown and the thousands of faithful of all nationalities are unanimous in believing in the apparitions. The scientific reports of the doctors and the study made by the theologians tell us that they find no human explanation possible.

The Church is in no hurry. We should not forget that at Fatima, after the miracle of the sun had been witnessed by a crowd of seventy thousand people, the Church did not confirm the supernatural character of the apparitions until thirteen years later.

The above is a translation of a booklet on Garabandal edited by the Centro De Difusion Mariano, Apartado 14.057, Barcelona, Spain.

—by an Apostle of Garabandal



Jacinta, Conchita, Maria Dolores in ecstasy

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Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

I have received your inquiry of September 25th, with enclosed letter from Reverend Andrew M. Greeley, through the Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice. I have reviewed the matter to which Father Greeley refers, and I wish to thank you for the opportunity to furnish you the facts.

Last June our attention was called to an article by Father Greeley entitled "It Has Been A Rotten Spring," which appeared in the June 23, 1974, issue of "The Western Catholic," Springfield, Illinois.

In the article, Father Greeley alleged, "The had shoot-out in Los Angeles had just one purpose - to kill Patty (Hearst), the hardened revolutionary." Father Greeley also alleged, "The Los Angeles cops may have been trigger-happy, as all too many cops are; but the FBI are cool professionals. If they shot to kill it was because the SLA had humiliated them and they wanted vengeance." Father Greeley further wrote, "And if the FBI can try to gun down Patty Hearst for the crime of being a kidnap victim, is anyone's teenage daughter safe?"

We felt this column so gravely distorted our motives and objectives in the Hearst case that I should respond in the interest of setting the record straight. Accordingly, I wrote to the editor of "The Western Catholic," the newspaper in which we first noted Father Greeley's column, and my reply was published in that newspaper on August 4, 1974.

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NOTE: Our relations with Senator Kennedy have been generally favorable. See memorandum of Mr. Heim to Mr. McDermott dated 9/24/74, captioned "Reverend Andrew M. Greeley's Article, Inquiries by Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. and Congressman Ralph H. Metcalfe," which contains complete background regarding this matter.

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Honorable Edward M. Kennedy

Inasmuch as Father Greeley's column was syndicated by the Universal Press Syndicate, Mission, Kansas, we furnished a copy of my reply, as it appeared in "The Western Catholic," to Mr. James F. Andrews, Director of Universal Press Syndicate, on August 28, 1974. The two Agents who delivered a copy of my letter spent most of this brief visit in cordial conversation regarding publications handled by Mr. Andrews' firm and the fact that the two Agents and Mr. Andrews were all former residents of New York. I want to assure you that Mr. Andrews was neither interviewed nor quizzed about Father Greeley.

The Agents specifically advised Mr. Andrews their contact was solely to make available my letter for whatever use he deemed appropriate. They advised Mr. Andrews clearly and on more than one occasion that there was no intent on our part to intimidate or influence his organization or Father Greeley. According to the Agents, Mr. Andrews was amenable and indicated he clearly understood our intention.

In fact he subsequently wrote to one of the Agents to advise him he had decided to distribute our reply to Father Greeley's client newspapers. Mr. Andrews closed his letter, "Best personal regards. Sincerely yours, James F. Andrews," which does not sound like the expression of an intimidated editor.

The fact that Agents personally called on Mr. Andrews to deliver my reply was in keeping with my open-stance press policy, which includes efforts to develop personal rapport with editors and reporters where possible, and to be available to respond to appropriate questions in matters of mutual interest. We have often been accused of excessive aloofness in the past, and we are striving to open avenues of understanding to the public.

Our effectiveness as an investigative agency depends in large measure on our credibility and the support and confidence of the people. I sincerely believe it is of utmost importance that FBI activities be fairly and accurately portrayed to the public.

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy

No one has any healthier respect for freedom of the press than I do. I feel we responded temperately to Father Greeley's allegation that FBI Agents intended to commit premeditated murder in the Hearst case.

Incidentally, several publications served by Universal Press Syndicate were considerate enough to publish my reply and I have received highly complimentary letters from the public and members of the clergy firmly supporting our view. A copy of Father Greeley's column and a copy of my response are enclosed for your convenience. In accordance with your request, I am also enclosing Father Greeley's letter to you.

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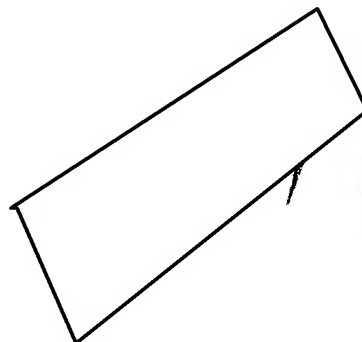
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September 9, 1974

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
The United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20013

Dear Senator Kennedy:

As you may know, I write a weekly column in the Catholic press and a twice-weekly column in the daily press--the latter appearing in such papers as the New York Daily News, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Chicago Tribune, and the San Francisco Chronicle.

Recently I did a column for the Catholic syndicate raising some questions about the handling of the Los Angeles shoot-out by the FBI. I wondered why there had been so much shooting so soon and whether it would not have been better if the FBI had showed more restraint.

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The agents, of course, made no threats, but did stress that theirs was an "official" visit. The intimidation involved in using special agents of the FBI to carry messages to the office of a press syndicate is both crude and obvious. The Watergate affair is hardly behind us and already government power is being abused again to threaten critics--even very mild ones like me.

I did not in the past take seriously the criticism of the FBI as a threat to freedom of the press. I am now beginning to wonder if the radicals were right after all.

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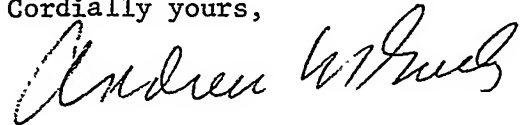
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It goes without saying that I am not going to be intimidated and will write a column shortly exposing Mr. Kelly's abuse of public power.

If you wish to check with Mr. Andrews for the details of the visit from the FBI, he can be reached at 913/362-1523.

I hope you and your colleagues in the Senate will be able to obtain from Mr. Kelly a guarantee that he will cease these tactics of harassment.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew M. Greeley".

(Rev.) Andrew M. Greeley

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October 9, 1974

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Honorable Robert J. Huber
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515 (1) 11-H

Dear Congressman Huber:

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October 2, 1974

Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th Street & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

A constituent has recently contacted me relative to the issues raised in Father Andrew Greeley's column about an "official" visit to his office by two of your agents.

I would appreciate knowing of your views on the matter and the circumstances of the visit in order to further correspond with my constituent. Further, I am personally familiar with Father Greeley's philosophy and am repelled by it.

Sincerely,



ROBERT J. HUBER
Member of Congress
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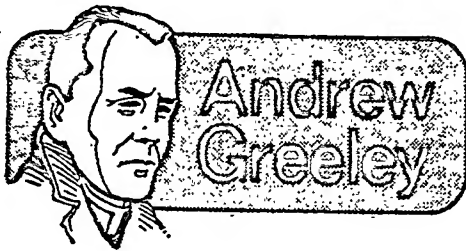


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A polite threat from the FBI

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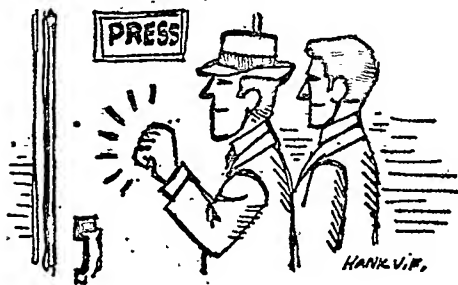
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They sure forgot about Watergate in a hurry.

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October 17, 1974

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House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue between Ninth and Tenth Streets
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Kelley:

I enclose a copy of a column by Father Andrew Greeley which appeared in the Catholic Universe Bulletin of Cleveland, Ohio on October 4, 1974.

If the facts are indeed as Father Greeley relates them in the column, then I must say that an explanation is in order.

I would appreciate hearing from you as to what the mission of the two agents was in this case and whether it is true that they asked questions about Father Greeley of his publisher and, if so, why.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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CC: Father Andrew Greeley
The Honorable Don Edwards, Chairman of Civil Rights Subcommittee,
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October 22, 1974

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United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Proxmire:

I have received your note of October 14th forwarding to us a citizen's inquiry regarding allegations made against the FBI by Reverend Andrew M. Greeley. I have reviewed this matter and I wish to thank you for the opportunity to set the record straight.

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Andrew Greeley's view

Leave FBI alone?

By Fr. Andrew M. Greeley

I'm in trouble with the FBI.

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I have the highest respect for the efficiency and professional competence of the FBI. I lamented the terrible strain on the morale of honest and hard-working men during the deterioration of the Hoover regime. But I do not think that they are immune from criticism.

The truth is that the FBI has failed miserably in hunting down criminals of the radical underground. Bernardine Dorhn and Mark Rudd are at large. The SLA was able to go openly about the streets of San Francisco after kidnapping

Miss Hearst and the FBI didn't know about it.

If Patty finally collapsed under the pressure and the strains of being holed up with kooks for several months, the main reason was that the FBI failed in its mission of apprehending criminals and freeing those illegally held by criminals.



Kelley—who seems to be at least as thin-skinned as Hoover—argues that his men waited 10 minutes before shooting at the SLA house in Los Angeles. My heavens, what restraint!

Why couldn't they have waited two days—or even 10 days if necessary? Wouldn't it have been better to starve

the SLA kooks out alive? I'm sorry but I believe in the sacredness of human life and I don't like to see anyone—even kooky radicals—needlessly gunned down. But if you think the only good kook is a dead kook, why give all the other kooks in the world a whole new set of martyrs?

Kelley is, like me, a Christian. So he must have read about the restraint necessary in doing violence to another in self-defense—"preserving the moderation of blameless self-defense" was the phrase in my catechism. Does Kelley really think his agents preserved "the moderation of blameless self-defense" in waiting 10 whole minutes?

I'm no great hero. I don't relish a fight with the FBI. I don't want my phone bugged. I don't want special probes into my income tax. I don't want people poking into my private life (alas, they won't find much). I don't want agents following me down dark streets late at night (well, 10:30; I'm usually in bed after that—by myself, Mr. Kelley). I don't want a fight with the FBI.

But I'll be damned if Clarence Kelley or anyone else is going to intimidate me from saying what I think. Having fought cardinals and university professors for that right, I am not going to give it up to a new model of J. Edgar Hoover.

They sure forgot about Watergate in a hurry.

Letter to the Editor

F.B.I. Rebuttal to Father Greeley

DEAR EDITOR:

I have carefully read the article entitled "It Has Been A Rotten Spring" by Reverend Andrew M. Greeley that appeared in the June 23rd. issue of "The Western Catholic."

The author states that the "mad, shoot-out in Los Angeles had just one purpose--to kill Patty (Hearst), the hardened revolutionary." Reverend Greeley also wrote that FBI Agents are cool professionals and, "If they shot to kill it was because the SLA had humiliated them and they wanted vengeance."

I FEEL COMPELLED to respond, in behalf of the men and women of the FBI, to Reverend Greeley's assessment of our motives and objectives in the Hearst case.

As a government agency serving the people of this Nation, our performance is properly subject to evaluation and criticism by those whom we serve. We do not think our performance in the Hearst case deserves criticism; but regardless of that, Reverend Greeley's allegations go beyond criticism of our performance. He attacks our ethics and morality when he declares that we kill for vengeance.

The violent deaths of those six young people in Los Angeles was a tragedy. While we deplore the loss of human life and sympathize with the families of those deceased SLA members, we do not assume culpability for their deaths. The choice was theirs. They chose to shoot it out.

THIS BUREAU had information that members of the SLA were in a particular house, which was surrounded by Special Agents of the FBI and members of the Los Angeles Police Department. For approximately ten minutes, an officer using a bullhorn repeatedly urged the suspects to surrender. When those inside failed to respond, a tear gas canister was thrown through a window. The suspects then began firing various types of automatic weapons at the police officers. This firing continued for a considerable period of time and was returned by law enforcement officers.

The house occupied by the suspects was completely

destroyed by fire. The Los Angeles Fire Department could do nothing until the shooting stopped and it did not cease until the house was completely in flames. It is possible that the fire was started by a tear gas canister; but it also has been alleged that the suspects had Molotov cocktails and it is conceivable a bullet struck one of these, igniting the blaze.

WHEN THE SUSPECTS opened fire indiscriminately with automatic weapons, it became a hazardous situation menacing not only the law enforcement personnel, but the crowd of curious people and innocent neighbors.

In my 33 years of law enforcement endeavor, I have never met a lawman who desired to engage in a gun battle. The use of weapons is a last resort, a defensive tactic to save the lawman's life and the lives of innocent bystanders.

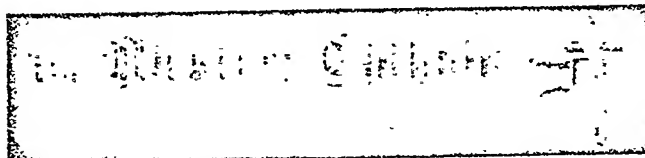
But Reverend Greeley has accused us of premeditated murder, with vengeance as our motive. We in the FBI feel affronted by this grave charge. We feel we have demonstrated through the years that we are genuinely dedicated to trying to protect the law-abiding people in this nation from those who would do them harm, and that in this endeavor we have striven to adhere meticulously to the highest professional ethics.

VIOLENT CRIME is one of the most serious problems this Nation faces today. It increased last year and is still increasing. The SLA and other revolutionary groups who wage war on our society with utter disregard for the rights, property and lives of others compound the problem of violent crime.

Law enforcement people who are on the front lines in the campaign against violent crime need public confidence and support for continued effectiveness.

Distortion of our motives heightens the crime problem and further endangers the welfare of the Nation's law-abiding citizens.

Sincerely yours,
Clarence M. Kelley
Director of the FBI



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Father Andrew M. Greeley

It Has Been A Rotten Spring

THIS IS hypocrisy season. If you don't believe it look at the cases of Patty Hearst and John McLaughlin.

The FBI and the California police were not able to find Patty Hearst for four months. The only way they could think of to regain face was to try to persuade the world that a nineteen-year-old kidnap victim is a dangerous criminal.

THE MAD shoot-out in Los Angeles had just one purpose--to kill Patty the hardened revolutionary. The cops must have been terribly disappointed that they didn't get her.

And the various prosecuting attorneys who are bringing charges, seeking indictments, offering to send her to jail for only 10 years--they have done their best to send a confused and now probably almost insane young woman to the death that the SLA in its own weird way foresaw.

Pouring thousands of rounds of ammunition and

tear gas canisters into a wooden house in which a handful of young people (who clearly didn't know what to do with automatic weapons) were trapped could only have had one purpose: to kill them and Patty too.

THE LOS ANGELES cops may have been trigger-happy, as all too many cops are; but the FBI are cool professionals. If they shot to kill it was because the SLA had humiliated them and they wanted vengeance.

Don't surround the house and starve them out, as the New York police did a few weeks ago with some local kooks. Shoot them down--after all, they're "revolutionaries." It was a disgusting and disgraceful episode in American history, and it will give other kooks a whole new set of folk heroes.

IS THERE a jury in the country so confident of the behavior of its own children under the strain of four months of imprisonment while the great FBI dithered about what it could charge them with?

The SLA were quite mad. Still, the gun-happy police almost make the SLA look correct in their analysis of American society.

John McLaughlin isn't going to get shot at. He is just being summoned to spend a week of prayer with his provincial. I thought that kind of baloney went out with the Spanish Inquisition. Richard Cleary (McLaughlin's provincial) is guilty of the kind of phoney hypocrisy that would make a person of even moderate good taste want to vomit.

I HOLD NO brief for either McLaughlin or his boss (he belongs in jail instead of Patty Hearst); nor do I approve of priests in politics--be they Berrigans or Drinans or McLaughlins. But if you are going to let Drinan sit in the Judiciary Committee and attack the

President, I fail to see how you can summon McLaughlin for a week of prayer because he sits in the White House and defends him.

Drinan is being loyal to his liberal constituency, doing what the voters who elected him want him to do. McLaughlin is being loyal to his boss, doing what the man who gave him his job wants him to do.

ON THIS issue I think Drinan is right and McLaughlin wrong, but I don't doubt the sincerity of either. They are both politicians playing the political game according to its rules. To interfere with one because his cause is currently unpopular and leave the other alone is Jesuitical in the extreme--to use that word in its pejorative sense.

Father Cleary says he's worried about Father McLaughlin's elaborate living quarters (in Watergate, ironically enough). Strange that he did

not worry about it until McLaughlin began to appear on TV to defend his boss (for using language which I daresay is not altogether absent from Jesuit recreation rooms).

STRANGE, too, that no one called Dan Berrigan to make a week's retreat when he launched his vicious attack on Israel.

And how many Jesuits are living in apartments around the country which, if they are not as elaborate as Watergate, are scarcely monastic? Who is Father Cleary trying to kid?

FREEDOM is indivisible. If McLaughlin isn't free to defend the President, then is any priest free to take any stand on a public issue? And if the FBI can try to gun down Patty Hearst for the crime of being a kidnap victim, is anyone's teenage daughter safe?

It has been a rotten spring.



Fr. Greeley

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 9/24/74

FROM : Mr. Heim

SUBJECT: REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY'S ARTICLE
INQUIRIES BY SENATOR SAM J. ERVIN, JR.
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BACKGROUND:

By letter to Mr. Kelley dated September 17, 1974, Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., (D-N.C.), Chairman, Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, Committee on the Judiciary, advised he had received a letter from captioned individual complaining that the FBI was intimidating him because of an article he wrote criticizing the FBI. Senator Ervin said Father Greeley complained that two FBI Agents spoke with the editor of the syndicate that handles Father Greeley's articles and Father Greeley interpreted this contact as "intimidation." Senator Ervin noted, "As you know from reports of past occurrences of a similar nature, some persons are prone to misinterpret what we may consider wholly innocent activities by the FBI." Senator Ervin requested that Mr. Kelley inquire into this matter and provide a report so that he could reply to Father Greeley, noting, "It may be that some changes in approach might be in order in view of the sensitive reactions of persons like Mr. Greeley."

By letter also dated September 17, 1974, Congressman Ralph H. Metcalfe, (D-Ill.) asked Mr. Kelley for explanations regarding the fact two FBI Agents called upon the editor of the syndicated service that handles Father Greeley's weekly column. Congressman Metcalfe enclosed a letter directed to him by Father Greeley in which Father Greeley alleges that his editor, James Andrews, Universal Press Syndicate, was intimidated by this contact by Special Agents of the FBI.

Congressman Metcalfe stated that he felt this incident was "an appalling misuse of Bureau personnel." He added, "But more important, I find it inconceivable that an agency such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation would be so insensitive to the Constitution, so as to pursue a course of action such as this."

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Congressman Metcalfe asked that Mr. Kelley respond to the following questions: "First, who directed these agents to interview Mr. James Andrews, Vice President of Universal Press; secondly, were these agents acting pursuant to standard Federal Bureau of Investigation policy; and, thirdly, why were these agents sent to see Mr. Andrews?" Mr. Kelley noted on the Congressman's letter: "Check this out pls, Ky."

Copies of Senator Ervin's letter, Congressman Metcalfe's letter and Father Greeley's letter are attached.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND:

Father Greeley wrote a column entitled "It Has Been A Rotten Spring" in which he stated the FBI sought to kill Patty Hearst in the SLA shoot-out in Los Angeles, California. Father Greeley wrote that if FBI Agents had "shot to kill it was because the SLA had humiliated them and they wanted vengeance."

This column first was brought to our attention in June, 1974, by SAC Ziel, Springfield, after it appeared in "The Western Catholic," official publication of the Springfield diocese.

We responded with a letter to the Editor of "The Western Catholic," over Mr. Kelley's signature, setting the record straight. (See Heim to McDermott memorandum, 7/15/74, copy attached.) This letter, which the Director approved, appeared in "The Western Catholic," 8/4/74.

Subsequently, since Father Greeley's inordinately critical column was syndicated and went to many publications, the Kansas City Office was directed by letter dated 8/15/74 to contact Universal Press Syndicate, which handles Father Greeley's column, and to furnish to the syndicate copies of the Director's letter as it appeared in "The Western Catholic."

Kansas City was instructed to "diplomatically indicate our concern over the grave charges Father Greeley made against the FBI in his article and point out that the Director's letter and this contact were in the interest of accuracy and setting the record straight."

Kansas City Office was further advised: "This (contact) should be handled in a cordial manner so that this firm does not get the impression we have any intention of trying to intimidate Universal Press Syndicate or Father Greeley."

By letter dated 8/29/74, SAC, Kansas City, advised that Supervisor George F. Lueckenhoff and SA [REDACTED] on 8/28/74 personally contacted James F. Andrews, Director

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By communication dated 9/20/74, Kansas City reiterated that the Agents' contact with Mr. Andrews was entirely cordial, and that Mr. Andrews was not offended or critical of this contact.

It should be noted that we have received several letters from persons who had read Mr. Kelley's letter in other publications served by Universal Press Syndicate and were highly complimentary and supportive. Current criticism stems from Father Greeley's distorted version of our contact with his syndicated service.

BUFILES:

We have had cordial relations with both Senator Ervin and Congressman Metcalfe.

OBSERVATIONS:

The column by Father Greeley was unwarranted criticism, not supported by facts, and irresponsibly impugned our integrity, morality, and ethics in connection with the Hearst case and the SLA shoot-out. We took justified action in sending a letter refuting these intemperate allegations to the editor of the paper in which we first observed Father Greeley's column. After that editor published our letter, we so advised the syndicate publisher of Father Greeley's column so that he would have the opportunity to set the record straight for any other papers that carried the column. Specific efforts were made to assure that our action was understood to be in the interest of accuracy only.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letters be sent to Senator Ervin and Congressman Metcalfe.

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October 23, 1974

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Honorable Philip A. Hart
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Hart:

I have received your letter of October 10th with its enclosures, a letter from Mr. James F. Andrews and a copy of a column by Reverend Andrew M. Greeley. I have reviewed the matter to which Father Greeley refers, and I wish to thank you for the opportunity to set the record straight.

The first paragraph of your letter mentions "a visit allegedly received by a broadcaster merely because he had publicly questioned the FBI's handling of a case." Please be assured representatives of the FBI have never visited Father Greeley in this regard.

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NOTE: Our relations with Senator Hart have been satisfactory. See memorandum of Mr. Heim to Mr. McDermott dated 9/24/74, captioned "Reverend Andrew M. Greeley's Article, Inquiries by Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. and Congressman Ralph H. Metcalfe," which contains complete background regarding this matter.

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C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Honorable Clarence M. Kelley
FBI
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Enclosed is a disturbing communication regarding a visit allegedly received by a broadcaster merely because he had publicly questioned the FBI's handling of a case.

Could you please indicate: (1) whether this visit did occur; and (2) the purpose of the visit by agents to Mr. Andrews office; and (3) the extent to which this is normal or frequent FBI response to public criticism.

I would appreciate any other information you might be able to provide regarding this incident.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Philip A. Hart

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The Honorable Philip Hart
The United States Senate
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about an official FBI visit to my office concerning
a column Father Greeley had written.

Enclosed is Father Greeley's response
to Director Clarence Kelly.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Andrews
James F. Andrews
Editor/Executive Vice President

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ANDREW GREELEY'S VIEW by Andrew M. Greeley

I DON'T WANT A FIGHT

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They sure forgot about Watergate in a hurry.

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Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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The Hon. Wm. French Saxbee, Attorney General
The Justice Dept. SEP 27 3 03 PM '74
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Dear Mr. Saxbee, ANDREW M. GREELEY

In this morning's issue of the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, Andrew M. Greeley, the noted columnist tells of police state action by the FBI.

He and his publishers were "visited" by two "special agents" from Clarence Kelley's department. The reason for this visit was an article by Mr. Greeley criticizing the FBI action in the Hearst case.

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We are outraged at this police state action and expect you to do whatever is necessary to stop this type of action on the part of Mr. Kelley and the FBI.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you

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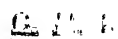
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Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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B.F. Goodrich

Oct 9, 1974 4:20 PM

Dear Attorney General -

I send you this article from the

"Cleveland Bulletin" of a Roman Catholic
HND. 100 M. GREELEY

newspaper published in Cleveland, Ohio.

The article is self-explanatory.

I just thought you may not know

of this particular incident (I know

many of these incidents are there

overreacting waste time & money).

Also, on the same subject - I just found

out what happened to [redacted]
with [redacted]

Major Staw "black listed" during

McCarthyism - Don't let that happen
to this priest's friend - [redacted]

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Father Andrew Greeley

He resents visitors from FBI

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October 18, 1974

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Honorable Charles H. Percy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Percy:

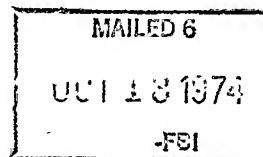
I have received your letter of October 8th, with its enclosure, a letter from Reverend Andrew M. Greeley. The enclosure is a form letter which Father Greeley apparently has sent to numerous members of Congress, who also, quite properly and understandably, have made inquiries in his behalf.

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- 1 - SAC, Kansas City - Enclosures (2)
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
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Honorable Charles H. Percy

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Honorable Charles H. Percy

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No one has any healthier respect for freedom of the press than I do. I feel we responded temperately to Father Greeley's allegation that FBI Agents intended to commit premeditated murder in the Hearst case.

Incidentally, several publications served by Universal Press Syndicate were considerate enough to publish my reply and I have received highly complimentary letters from the public and members of the clergy firmly supporting our view. A copy of Father Greeley's column and a copy of my response are enclosed for your convenience.

Honorable Charles H. Percy

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C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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October 8, 1974

Honorable Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue between
Ninth and Tenth Streets
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Enclosed is a letter I have received from Father Andrew Greeley.

As you will note, Father Greeley relates an incident which raises some questions which I find disturbing. In essence, he alleges that because of an article he wrote which criticized the F.B.I., the syndicate which publishes his column was visited by F.B.I. agents who left the impression that criticism of the F.B.I. would be met by "intimidation."

Because of the nature of this matter, I feel that I should have the benefit of your comments. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Percy/lmp/
United States Senator

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September 9, 1974

The Honorable Charles Percy
The United States Senate
Washington, D C. 20013

Dear Senator Percy:

As you may know, I write a weekly column in the Catholic press and a twice-weekly column in the daily press--the latter appearing in the Chicago Tribune.

Recently I did a column for the Catholic syndicate raising some questions about the handling of the Los Angeles shoot-out by the FBI. I wondered why there had been so much shooting so soon and whether it would not have been better if the FBI showed more restraint.

Several days ago, two FBI men called on Mr. James Andrews, the vice-president of Universal Press, with a "statement" of Mr. Clarence Kelly and a "hint" that the "statement" be distributed to all the newspapers which carried the column. The agents asked several questions about me and my background. There may be reason for debate between me and Mr. Kelly over the handling of the SIA affair by the FBI, but that is hardly to the point. Mr. Kelly could have just as well used the United States mails or even a private messenger service to deliver his "statement" to Mr. Andrews. Sending two highly trained agents on working time paid for by taxpayers' money to act as messenger boys seems, to say the least, a highly unusual procedure.

The agents, of course, made no threats, but did stress that theirs was an "official" visit. The intimidation involved in using special agents of the FBI to carry messages to the office of a press syndicate is both crude and obvious. The Watergate affair is hardly behind us and already government power is being abused again to threaten critics--even very mild ones like me.

I did not used to take seriously the criticism of the FBI as a threat to freedom of the press. I am now beginning to wonder if the radicals were right after all.

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The Honorable Charles Percy

September 9, 1974

It goes without saying that I am not going to be intimidated and will write a column shortly exposing Mr. Kelly's abuse of public power.

If you wish to check with Mr. Andrews for the details of the visit from the FBI, he can be reached at 913/362-1523

I hope you and your colleagues in the Senate will be able to obtain from Mr. Kelly a guarantee that he will cease these tactics of harassment.

Cordially yours,



Andrew M. Greeley

AMG.vr

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 9/27/74

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY
ARTICLE ENTITLED "IT HAS BEEN A
ROTTEN SPRING, "THE WESTERN
CATHOLIC," JUNE 23, 1974

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The Director asked me to review the exchange of correspondence concerning captioned article. It appears that the sequence has been as follows:

June 23, 1974, Greeley article appeared in "The Western Catholic"

July 16, 1974, the Director's letter in response to the article was sent to the editor of "The Western Catholic"

August 4, 1974, the Director's letter was published in "The Western Catholic"

August 28, 1974, a copy of the Director's letter was furnished to the Vice President of the Universal Press Syndicate at Kansas City which circulates the Greeley column to various publications.

September 13, 1974, Congressman Morgan F. Murphy addressed a letter to the Director inquiring concerning the personal delivery of a copy of the Director's letter to the Vice President of the Universal Press Syndicate.

- 1 - Mr. Adams
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Memorandum to Mr. Adams
Re: Reverend Andrew M. Greeley

September 19, 1974, the second Greeley column was published in the "Chicago Tribune" and it complained about the personal delivery of a copy of the Director's letter to the Vice President of the Universal Press Syndicate.

September 23, 1974, the Director addressed a letter to Congressman Murphy explaining the facts of the personal delivery of a copy of his letter to the Vice President of Universal Press Syndicate.

My opinion following a review of the text of the Greeley articles and of the correspondence is that:

1. The Director is justified in responding by personal letter in his official capacity to criticism which could undermine the public confidence in the FBI and thereby impair the ability of the Bureau to carry out our duties.
2. To the extent that the Director's reply to such published criticism does not interfere with the right of a defendant to a fair trial by generating prejudicial pretrial publicity, the Director's letter may explain the facts and circumstances which justify FBI conduct.
3. The delivery of such reply mail to newspaper editors or columnists should be done by regular mail except in selected instances where we have a basis to believe the personal visit of Special Agents for that purpose is unlikely to be misinterpreted.
4. Reply letters from the Director should deal with the substantive issues as specifically as possible but should avoid furnishing data that is controversial or is likely to inflame the matter further. An example of this is found in the second Greeley article which dramatizes the statement in the Director's reply letter that "for approximately ten minutes . . . an officer urged the suspects to surrender." The important fact is that the suspects were urged to

Memorandum to Mr. Adams
Re: Reverend Andrew M. Greeley

surrender before any force was used. By including in the Director's reply the detail that ten minutes elapsed, the columnist was afforded the opportunity to challenge the reasonableness of that delay and he never responded to the more significant fact that an opportunity for peaceful surrender was given.

I understand that we have received several letters concerning the publication of the Greeley column and the publication of the Director's reply, and that the mail is in favor of the Bureau. My recommendation is that in responding to all such mail, the substance of the Director's letter to Congressman Murphy and of his letter to the editor of the "Western Catholic" be used as guides except for deletion of the reference to "ten minutes" and deletion of a similar reference to "less than 30 minutes" concerning the duration of the visit of the Agents who hand delivered the Director's reply letter to the Vice President of the Universal Press Syndicate. I recommend against any correspondence directly with Greeley or any further correspondence with his editors or publishers concerning this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information in response to the Director's request.

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See Addendum External Affairs, page 4

ADDENDUM, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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9/27/74

Opinions of Legal Counsel regarding exchange of correspondence and justification for Director responding in his official capacity to criticism about FBI well taken. However, the following observations being submitted with respect to references to the "10 minutes" and "less than 30 minutes."

The 10-minute delay during which the occupants of the house were constantly exhorted to surrender demonstrated an admirable degree of restraint and forbearance in a virtual seige situation. Failure to place this in a proper timeframe would invite criticism that the SLA subjects were not permitted adequate opportunity to surrender.

Greeley's second article claimed, in a form of criticism, that the two Agents spent the better part of an afternoon visiting his publisher's office; consequently, reference to the Agents' visit being "less than 30 minutes" provided as a rebuttal and to set forth the true fact.

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Priest-Columnist Protests FBI Visit

By Orr Kelly

Star-News Staff Writer

The Rev. Andrew Greeley, a Catholic priest who writes a syndicated newspaper column, has complained that he had been "intimidated" by the visit of two FBI agents to the office of the agency that syndicates his column.

An FBI spokesman acknowledged that two agents from the bureau's Kansas City office visited the Universal Press Syndicate headquarters in Mission, Kan., a suburb of Kansas City, on Aug. 28. But he insisted that the purpose of the visit was simply to deliver a response from FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley to an earlier Greeley column and that there had been no intention to intimidate the columnist or the syndicate.

James F. Andrews, editor of the syndicate, said in a telephone interview that the two agents paid what they described as an "official" visit on him.

"They were very cordial, very civil. There were no threats," Andrews said. "But we've been in business four years and this is the first time I ever had an 'official' visit from the FBI."

HE NOTED that the syndicate, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Sheed & Ward Publishing Co., also syndicates such controversial columns as those by Garry Wills and William Rusher, as well as the Doonesbury comic strip and that it has recently begun carrying the column by Jerald F. terHorst, former press secretary to President Ford. The syndicate operates out of Mission, Kan., Andrews said, "because I like the praise."

Greeley, a sociologist as well as a priest in Chicago, first called attention to the FBI visit in a column printed Thursday in the Chicago Tribune and other papers.

"I like the FBI," he wrote. "But I'll be damned if Clarence Kelley or anyone else is going to intimidate me from saying what I think. Having fought cardinals and university professors for that right, I am not going to give it up to a new model of J Edgar Hoover."

Greeley, in a telephone interview Friday, repeated that, even though the agents had made no threats in their visit to Andrews, he still felt intimidated by the visit.

"They didn't make any threat," he said, "but when two FBI agents arrive on an 'official' visit and flash their credentials, that is intimidating."

A FBI spokesman said the issue originated with a column appearing June 25 in the Western Catholic of Springfield, Ill., in which Greeley said the Los Angeles shootout between law enforcement officers and the Symbionese Liberation Army "had just one purpose — to kill Patty (Hearst), the hardened revolutionary."

Kelley, who, according to the spokesman, "felt very strongly about the impact of criticism of the FBI in the SLA shootout," wrote a letter to the Western Catholic editor on July 17 and it was printed by the paper on Aug. 4. There was no attempt to reach Greeley, himself, the spokesman said.

Nearly a month later — on Aug. 21 — the two agents visited Andrews and gave him a copy of the letter as it had appeared in the Western Catholic. Andrews said he immediately sent the letter out to subscribers to the Greeley column for weekly Catholic newspapers — about 40 of them.

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Sincerely,

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The Detroit News Features



**Andrew
Greeley**

A polite threat from the FBI

I'm in trouble with the FBI.

I wrote a column recently in which I raised some questions about the FBI handling of the Patty Hearst case. Shortly thereafter, two of FBI Director Clarence Kelley's special agents showed up at the office of the syndicate which circulates this column for an "official" visit. No threats were made, of course; everyone was very polite. But the message for me was clear: leave the FBI alone or you've got trouble.

I used to think that charges about United States becoming a police state was baloney. I'm not so sure any more. If Kelley sends his gumshoes out after you when you dare to make a moderate criticism of the FBI, we are approaching a police state. And what happens to freedom of the press when a column critical of the FBI leads to an "official" visit to your publisher's office?

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lapsed under the pressure and the strains of being holed up with kooks for several months, the main reason was that the FBI failed in its mission of apprehending criminals and freeing those illegally held by criminals.

Does saying something so obvious as this get you an "official" visit from the FBI?

Kelley—who seems to be at least as thin-skinned as Hoover—argues that his men waited 10 whole minutes before shooting at the SLA house in San Francisco. My heavens, what restraint!

Why couldn't they have waited two days—or even 10 days if necessary? Wouldn't it have



been better to starve the SLA kooks out alive?

Even if you have no reservations about killing people, turning the SLA cranks into folk heroes was politically stupid.

So they waited 10 whole minutes! Big deal!

Kelley is, like me, a Christian. So he must have read about the restraint necessary in doing violence to another in self-defense—"preserving the moderation of blameless self-defense" was the phrase in my catechism. Does Kelly really think his agents preserved "the moderation of blameless self-defense" in waiting 10 whole minutes?

I'm no great hero. I don't relish a fight with the FBI. I don't want my phone bugged. I don't want special probes into my income tax. I don't want people poking into my private life (alas, they won't find much). I don't want agents following me down dark streets late at night. I don't want a fight with the FBI. I like the FBI.

But I'll be damned if Clarence Kelley or anyone else is going to intimidate me from saying what I think.

They sure forgot about Watergate in a hurry.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McDermott

DATE: 11/4/74

FROM : Mr. Heim

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN JAMES V. STANTON
REGARDING REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY

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By letter dated October 17, 1974, Mr. Kelley responded to an inquiry by Congressman Stanton regarding Father Greeley's allegation that the FBI sought to intimidate Father Greeley and his syndicated publisher. Father Greeley alleged that we dispatched two Agents to visit the syndicate service handling Father Greeley's column because Father Greeley had written a critical column about the FBI's handling of the Hearst case.

The attached letter from Congressman Stanton to Director Kelley acknowledges our reply. Congressman Stanton states he now feels "reassured" that Mr. Kelley is sensitive to the need for a free press, and that "it was not really the intention of your agency to intimidate either the publisher or Father Greeley."

However, the Congressman felt that the personal appearance of two Agents at the publisher's office lent itself to "ominous inference." The personal visit by the Agents was explained in our original letter to Congressman Stanton.

A reply does not seem indicated, since Congressman Stanton raises no new questions.

However, Congressman Stanton's letter was routed through the Department's Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA), which routinely sets a deadline for reply by the agency involved. Inspector David W. Bowers, Congressional Liaison, who works closely with OLA, has said he could orally advise OLA no reply is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That no further reply be made to Congressman Stanton.

ENCLOSURE

- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Jenkins
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Bowers

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Mr. Heim to Mr. McDermott Memorandum

RE: "LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN JAMES V. STANTON REGARDING
REVEREND ANDREW M. GREELEY"

RECOMMENDATIONS: (CONTINUED)

(2) That Inspector Bowers advise OLA that no further
reply is deemed necessary.

Handled with
Larry Messer, OLA,
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JAMES V. STANTON
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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Congress of the United States
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MICHAEL A. SWEENEY
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

October 21, 1974

Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue between Ninth and Tenth Streets
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you for your letter of October 17 replying to my query concerning Reverend Father Andrew M. Greeley.

It goes without saying that, just as Father Greeley has an indestructible right under our Constitution to criticize the operation of your agency, if he so chooses, and whether he is right or wrong, you and your organization have a right, even a duty, to respond to the criticism.

Therefore, I do not quarrel with your decision to reply to Father Greeley's column and to try to see to it that the retort received the widest possible dissemination. Nor do I presume to judge the relative truth or wisdom of what you or Father Greeley said or did.

The important consideration here, as you correctly point out in your letter to me, is freedom of the press. And for the sake of that freedom, which will always be fragile even in a democracy as well rooted as ours, it seems to me it is incumbent on high-ranking and influential public officials such as you to bend over backward so as not to make it even appear that you desire to put any constraints whatever on that freedom.

Therefore, I must say, with all due respect, that your agents would have been better advised to use the U. S. Postal Service, rather than to make a personal appearance (one agent being accompanied by yet another) in the office of the publisher operating, as it were, behind the scenes.

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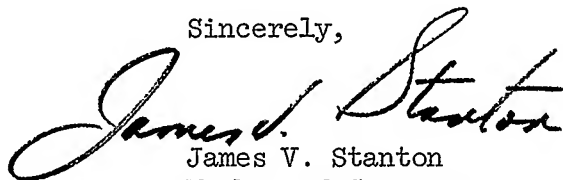
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Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
October 21, 1974
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I happen to think it is correct for an American citizen, on first hearing of such goings-on, to draw an ominous inference from it, no matter what the intentions of your agents were. All the same I feel personally reassured by your letter that you certainly are sensitive to the need for a free press in the United States, and that it was not really the intention of your agency to intimidate either the publisher or Father Greeley.

In the meantime, I am sure you understand that my writing to you about this one very important incident does not imply any dissatisfaction on my part with your day-in-day-out performance in a tremendously challenging and demanding assignment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James V. Stanton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

James V. Stanton
Member of Congress

CC: Reverend Father Andrew M. Greeley
The Honorable Don Edwards

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November 6, 1974

Honorable Birch Bayh
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Bayh:

I have received your memorandum with the letter from [redacted] I have had prior correspondence with [redacted] regarding Reverend Andrew M. Greeley and our response to his column criticizing our handling of the Hearst case.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of our reply to [redacted] a copy of Father Greeley's June 23rd column, and a copy of my response to this column. Also enclosed is the original of [redacted] letter of September 24, 1974.

I appreciate your interest, and I hope the facts set forth in my letter to [redacted] satisfactorily answer your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

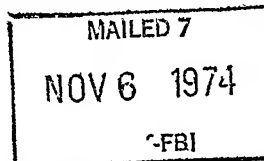
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1 - Office of Legislative Affairs, Room 1139
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1 - Mr. McDermott
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1 - Mr. Bowers



NOTE: Our relations with Senator Bayh have been generally favorable. See memorandum of Mr. Heim to Mr. McDermott dated 9/24/74, captioned "Reverend Andrew M. Greeley's Article, [redacted] Inquiries by Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., and Congressman Ralph H. Metcalfe," which contains complete background regarding this matter.

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MEMORANDUM

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

O
ANDREW M. Greeley

Please note the attached letter from a constituent forwarded to you for any consideration the correspondence may warrant. I would greatly appreciate your checking into this matter. Upon completion of your investigation, please advise me of the status of this case in duplicate and return the original letter in an envelope marked to the attention of the Legislative Mail Section.

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Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

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The Hon. Birch Bayh, Senator
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator,

In this morning's issue of the Fort
Wayne Journal Gazette, Andrew M.
Sheeley, the noted columnist tells
of a chilling event.

He and his publishers were visited by
Mr. Clarence Kelley's special agents
with the express purpose of cutting off
any criticism of the FBI. Mr. Sheeley
had dared to criticize the FBI's
handling of the Hearst kidnapping.

This is not to be tolerated.
We want no police state mentality
- here and our FBI. Mr. Kelley is
no better than J. Edgar Hoover.

Sincerely yours

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October 4, 1974

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Honorable Lou Frey, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Frey:

I have received your note of November 4th forwarding to us a citizen's inquiry regarding allegations made against the FBI by Reverend Andrew M. Greeley. I have reviewed this matter and I wish to thank you for the opportunity to set the record straight.

It should be clearly understood that we did not immediately dispatch two Agents to Father Greeley's publishing syndicate after his column appeared.

Last June our attention was called to an article by Father Greeley entitled "It Has Been A Rotten Spring," which appeared in the June 23, 1974, issue of "The Western Catholic," Springfield, Illinois.

In the article, Father Greeley alleged, "The mad shoot-out in Los Angeles had just one purpose - to kill Patty (Hearst), the hardened revolutionary." Father Greeley also alleged, "The Los Angeles cops may have been trigger-happy, as all too many cops are; but the FBI are cool professionals. If they shot to kill it was because the CIA has humiliated them and they wanted vengeance." Father Greeley further wrote, "And if the FBI can try to gun down Patty Hearst for the crime of being a kidnap victim, is anyone's teenage daughter safe?"

We felt this column so gravely distorted our motives and objectives in the Hearst case that I should respond in the interest of setting the record straight. Accordingly, I wrote to the editor of "The Western Catholic," the newspaper in which we first noted Father Greeley's column, and my reply was published in that newspaper on August 4, 1974.

1 - Mr. McDermott (Constituent copy has 2 enclosures: copy of Father Greeley's column and copy of Mr. Kelley's response)
1 - Mr. Jenkins
1 - Mrs. Metcalf
1 - Mr. Bowers - Enclosures (3)

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Honorable Lou Frey, Jr.

Inasmuch as Father Greeley's column was syndicated by the Universal Press Syndicate, Mission, Kansas, we furnished a copy of my reply, as it appeared in "The Western Catholic," to Mr. James F. Andrews, Director of Universal Press Syndicate, on August 28, 1974. The two Agents who delivered a copy of my letter spent most of this brief visit in cordial conversation regarding publications handled by Mr. Andrews' firm and the fact that the two Agents and Mr. Andrews were all former residents of New York. I want to assure you that Mr. Andrews was neither interviewed nor quizzed about Father Greeley.

The Agents specifically advised Mr. Andrews their contact was solely to make available my letter for whatever use he deemed appropriate. They advised Mr. Andrews clearly and on more than one occasion that there was no intent on our part to intimidate or influence his organization or Father Greeley. According to the Agents, Mr. Andrews was amenable and indicated he clearly understood our intention.

In fact he subsequently wrote to one of the Agents to advise him he had decided to distribute our reply to Father Greeley's client newspapers. Mr. Andrews closed his letter, "Best personal regards. Sincerely yours, James F. Andrews," which does not sound like the expression of an intimidated editor.

The fact that Agents personally called on Mr. Andrews to deliver my reply (several weeks after Father Greeley's column appeared) was in keeping with my open-stance press policy, which includes efforts to develop personal rapport with editors and reporters where possible, and to be available to respond to questions. We have often been accused of excessive aloofness in the past, and we are striving to open avenues of understanding to the public.

Our effectiveness as an investigative agency depends in large measure on our credibility and the support and confidence of the people. I sincerely believe it is of utmost importance that FBI activities be fairly and accurately portrayed to the public.

No one has any healthier respect for freedom of the press than I do. I feel we responded temperately to Father Greeley's allegation which, in effect, was that FBI Agents intended to commit premeditated murder in the Hearst case.

Honorable Lou Frey, Jr.

Incidentally, several publications served by Universal Press Syndicate were considerate enough to publish my reply and I have received highly complimentary letters from the public and members of the clergy firmly supporting our view. A copy of Father Greeley's column and a copy of my response are enclosed for your convenience. I am also returning the enclosures of your note as you requested.

Thank you for your interest. I hope the facts I have given you have clarified this matter and have satisfactorily answered your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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Congressional Relations
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
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Yours truly,

[Signature]
Lou Frey, Jr. M. C.

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*ack'd to Honorable Lou Frey, Jr.
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RESEARCH SECTION

Tuesday 10-29-77

Rep. Lou Frey
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

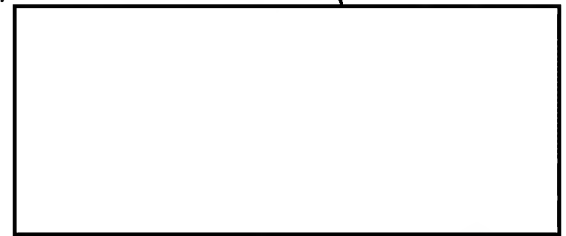
I send the enclosed article to bring to your attention the mentioned incident. This is freedom of press? I find the tactics by the FBI repugnant and repulsive to our way of life as Americans. I can't help but wonder if this is standard FBI procedure. If it is, I agree with Father Greeley that we are approaching a police state.

I realize you are quite busy but any research into this area is appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely

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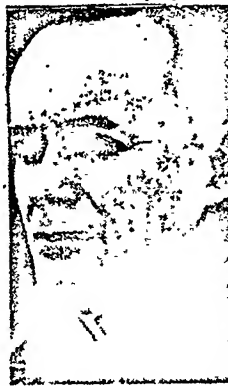
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better part of an afternoon sitting my publisher's office were doubtless being paid by taxpayers' money to convey their veiled threat and ask questions about me. Couldn't they have done

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Father Greeley says:

Kelley can't intimidate me

September 23, 1974

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Honorable Morgan F. Murphy
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Murphy:

Your letter of September 13th has been received and I have reviewed the matter to which you refer.

An article by Reverend Andrew Greeley entitled "It Has Been A Rotten Spring" appeared in "The Western Catholic," Springfield, Illinois, and was called to our attention last June.

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1 - SAC, Kansas City - Enclosure

1 - Mr. McDermott

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NOTE: Attached is a copy of Heim to McDermott memo dated 9/19/74, captioned: [REDACTED] LETTER CRITICIZING THE FBI," which details further background relating to our reply to Father Andrew Greeley's column. Also attached is the Chicago Tribune article by Father Greeley to which Congressman Murphy refers to in the first paragraph of his letter. Father Greeley resorts to further distortions in this column, including misrepresentation of the sequence of events. Bufiles show Congressman Morgan F. Murphy (D-Ill.) in June, 1971, sent Mr. Hoover a report entitled, "The World Heroin Problem," prepared by a study mission headed by Congressman Murphy. We have had no other correspondence with him.

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September 13, 1974

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue between Ninth and Tenth
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Director:

This is in reference to a Chicago columnist and constituent, Andrew Greeley, who is also a priest, professor, and author. A recent Greeley column in the Chicago Tribune reported deficiencies in the FBI's handling of the Symbionese Liberation Army shoot-out in Los Angeles.

It is my understanding that two FBI agents subsequently met with James Andrews, the Vice-President of Universal Press, to deliver a statement by you defending the agents involved in the Los Angeles shoot-out. Mr. Andrews is Father Greeley's superior. I have been told that Mr. Andrews was encouraged to forward your statement to those newspapers carrying Greeley's column criticizing the FBI.

The facts as I know them do not indicate a healthy respect for freedom of the press. It would seem there are normal channels for disagreeing with a columnist's point of view and presenting an opposing one. The physical presence of FBI agents might intimidate Mr. Greeley's superiors but, more importantly, the incident might demonstrate an inability on the part of the FBI to respond sensibly and fairly to a newspaper article admittedly highly critical of the Bureau.

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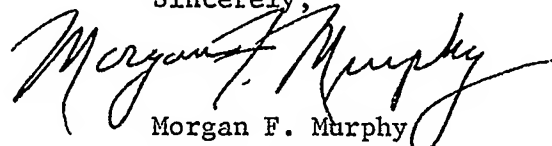
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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley'

I would be interested in knowing your appraisal of this matter, Mr. Director. The charges are serious ones and your reaction to the charges should be made for the record.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this letter,
I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Morgan F. Murphy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Morgan F. Murphy
Member of Congress
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Perspective

Andrew Greeley

The FBI checks new suspect—me



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Universal Press Syndicate

Mr. McDermott

9/19/74

Mr. Heim

[REDACTED]
LETTER CRITICIZING THE FBI

BACKGROUND:

By letter to Mr. Kelley dated 9/12/74, [REDACTED] was critical of the FBI for what he called "such frivolous activities as spying on little girls" (referring to the [REDACTED] incident) and "retaliating against legitimate questions" (referring to our reply to a critical column by Reverend Andrew Greeley).

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In paragraph two of his letter [REDACTED] wrote, "Now I read that two of your special agents leaned on Rev. Andrew Greeley's publisher for the better part of an afternoon because Rev. Greeley posed perfectly legal questions about the FBI." The Director noted: "What is paragraph two all about?"

Reverend Greeley wrote a column entitled "It Has Been A Rotten Spring" in which he stated the FBI shot to kill Patty Hearst in the SLA shoot-out in Los Angeles, California. Reverend Greeley wrote that if FBI Agents had "shot to kill it was because the SLA had humiliated them and they wanted vengeance."

This column first was brought to our attention in June, 1974, by SAC Ziel, Springfield, after it appeared in "The Western Catholic," official publication of the Springfield diocese.

We responded with a letter to the Editor of "The Western Catholic" over Mr. Kelley's signature, setting the record straight. (See Heim to McDermott memorandum, 7/15/74, copy attached.) This letter, which the Director approved, appeared in "The Western Catholic," 8/4/74.

Subsequently, since Reverend Greeley's inordinately critical column was syndicated, the Kansas City Office was directed by letter dated 8/15/74 to contact Universal Press Syndicate, which handles Reverend Greeley's column, and to furnish to the syndicate copies of the Director's letter as it appeared in "The Western Catholic."

Enclosures

- 1 - Mr. McDermott - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Jenkins - Enclosure
- 1 - Mrs. Metcalf - Enclosure

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Mr. Heim to Mr. McDermott Memorandum

RE: [REDACTED] LETTER CRITICIZING THE FBI"

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Kansas City was instructed to "diplomatically indicate our concern over the grave charges Reverend Greeley made against the FBI in his article and point out that the Director's letter and this contact were in the interest of accuracy and setting the record straight."

Kansas City Office was further advised: "This (contact) should be handled in a cordial manner so that this firm does not get the impression we have any intention of trying to intimidate Universal Press Syndicate or Reverend Greeley."

By letter dated 8/29/74, SAC, Kansas City, advised that Supervisor George F. Lueckenhoff and SA [REDACTED] on 8/28/74 personally contacted James F. Andrews, Director, Universal Press Syndicate, and had delivered copies of Mr. Kelley's letter as it had appeared in "The Western Catholic."

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The Agents further advised Mr. Andrews that Mr. Kelley's letter and their contact were in the interest of accuracy and setting the record straight. Mr. Andrews, according to the Agents, "appeared amenable and clearly understood there was no intention of intimidating either the organization or Reverend Greeley." Kansas City also furnished a copy of a letter dated 8/29/74 from Mr. Andrews to Supervisor Lueckenhoff advising him of the action he had taken and closing with "Best personal regards, Sincerely yours, James F. Andrews, Editor," (copy attached).

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS:

It should be noted that we have received several letters from persons who had read Mr. Kelley's letter in other publications served by Universal Press Syndicate and were highly complimentary and supportive.

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OBSERVATIONS:

The column by Reverend Greeley was unwarranted criticism, not supported by facts, and irresponsibly impugned our integrity, morality, and ethics in connection with the Hearst case and the SLA shoot-out. We took justified action in sending a letter refuting these intemperate allegations to the editor of the

Mr. Heim to Mr. McDermott Memorandum

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paper in which we first observed Reverend Greeley's column. After that editor published our letter, we so advised the syndication publisher of Reverend Greeley's column so that he would have the opportunity to set the record straight for any other papers that carried the column. Specific efforts were made to assure that our action was understood to be in the interest of accuracy only.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to [REDACTED]

December 6, 1974

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Honorable Gunn McKay
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman McKay:

I have received your note of November 25th forwarding to us a citizen's inquiry regarding allegations made against the FBI by Reverend Andrew M. Greeley. I have reviewed this matter and I wish to thank you for the opportunity to set the record straight.

It should be clearly understood that we did not immediately dispatch two Agents to Father Greeley's publishing syndicate after his column appeared.

Last June our attention was called to an article by Father Greeley entitled "It Has Been A Rotten Spring," which appeared in the June 23, 1974, issue of "The Western Catholic," Springfield, Illinois.

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We felt this column so gravely distorted our motives and objectives in the Hearst case that I should respond in the interest of setting the record straight. Accordingly, I wrote to the editor of "The Western Catholic," the newspaper in which we first noted Father Greeley's column, and my reply was published in that newspaper on August 4, 1974.

1 - Mr. McDermott A copy of Father Greeley's column & a copy of
1 - Mr. Jenkins Mr. Kelley's response also attached to the
1 - Mrs. Metcalf constituent.
1 - Mr. Bowers - Enclosures (3)

NOTE: Our relations with Congressman McKay have been cordial. See memorandum of Mr. Heim to Mr. McDermott dated 9/24/74, captioned "Reverend Andrew M. Greeley's Article, Inquiries by Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. and Congressman Ralph H. Metcalfe," which contains complete background regarding this matter.

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Honorable Gunn McKay

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In fact he subsequently wrote to one of the Agents to advise him he had decided to distribute our reply to Father Greeley's client newspapers. Mr. Andrews closed his letter, "Best personal regards. Sincerely yours, James F. Andrews," which does not sound like the expression of an intimidated editor.

The fact that Agents personally called on Mr. Andrews to deliver my reply (several weeks after Father Greeley's column appeared) was in keeping with my open-stance press policy, which includes efforts to develop personal rapport with editors and reporters where possible, and to be available to respond to questions. We have often been accused of excessive aloofness in the past, and we are striving to open avenues of understanding to the public.

Our effectiveness as an investigative agency depends in large measure on our credibility and the support and confidence of the people. I sincerely believe it is of utmost importance that FBI activities be fairly and accurately portrayed to the public.

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

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Congressional Affairs Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
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Yours truly,

Gunn McKay
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Dear Congressman:

Congratulations on your recent re-election victory. I heard Stan Taylor say at B.Y.U. that you plan on a Congressional career. That's good. Utah needs some long-term representation in Congress.

Please allow me to express my deep concern over a very serious (I think) matter. Regardless of the merits of the FBI's handling of the Hearst case (and there is room for criticism, I believe, and as Jack Anderson has so fully documented), the kind of action against critical columnists described in the article (opposite) is inexcusable.

I do not know if this is part of a pattern, or if it is an isolated incident. It is inexcusable in either case. But if it reflects the current operations of the FBI, accurately, there is cause for alarm. There is absolutely no excuse for anything of this kind happening in this country, I believe. What about the First Amendment rights of freedom of press, of speech? Is the F.B.I. above the law too?

Since you are my Congressman, and since I feel very strongly about this matter, I would respectfully request you to do the following for me: (1) tell me whether you would favor an investigation into this particular case, and what steps you would take in getting whoever is in charge of watching the FBI in the House to initiate an inquiry, and (2) tell me what you think of this particular case, and what you intend to do about it. 62-116167-29

Just so you know I am not a one-issue constituent, I'd like to say I favor National Health Insurance. What's your stand on that?

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